

Dreiser, Legislators, Clergy Sign Protest

Browder Conviction Hit by Signers of Bill of Rights Statement

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—A group of prominent citizens here issued a statement today calling for an end to the present hysterical drive against the Communist Party and other minority groups.

The statement, "The Bill of Rights Is for All," was signed by fifty leading ministers, writers, educators and other Negro and white public figures. Among the signers were Theodore Dreiser, author of "American Tragedy," Robert W. Kenny, State Senator from Los Angeles County, Reuben W. Borough, Public Works Commissioner, Rev. Edwin P. Ryland, chairman of the Los Angeles American Civil Liberties Union, and Carey McWilliams, director of the State Department of Immigration and Housing.

The signers of the declaration stated: "We believe that civil liberties have been guaranteed to all Americans without respect to race, color, creed or political beliefs. We believe that civil rights cannot be withheld from any section of the population at the pleasure of those who may have the power to do so without endangering the civil rights of all the people."

Pointing specifically to the growing attacks on the Communist Party the declaration stated: "We recognize particularly that serious efforts are now being made to suppress the Communist Party. We regard as significant that precisely now Earl Browder has been indicted on evidence which the government has had for years. We observe that a charge four years old has been revived in California against Sam Adams Darcy, a former Communist official of this state, and that William Schneiderman, present state secretary of the Communist Party is now on trial upon technical charges about which the government has been aware for years."

CONDEMNED DIES

The declaration continued by blasting the attempted black out of civil liberties, protested legislation against the foreign-born, "condemned the Dies Committee, and ended by pointing out that "we have before us the example of many European countries where the suppression of the Communist Party went hand-in-hand with incitement against so-called 'alien influences' and proved to be the beginning of campaigns to suppress trade unions, cultural groups, Jews, Catholics, Masons, ending in the destruction of all freedom."

The signers warned that it is in the interests of those rights for which America has struggled that all Americans oppose the attempts to deny to Communists or to any other minority group, whether it be racial, religious or political, the full

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Report Shows City's Needy Families Rising

Welfare Dep't Head Calls for More Government Aid to Unemployed

In a report of the city Welfare Department for the period covering January, 1938, through June, 1939, Commissioner Hodson revealed yesterday that the number of the city's needy families had risen and that the prospect of the unemployed being absorbed by private industry today was a "Utopian hope."

He called for increased federal relief and WPA a widespread public health program and government assurance of a large supply of staple foods such as milk, eggs, etc., for needy families. The report declared that the possibility of adequate care for poverty-stricken families was less than previously and that the Department is hamstrung by inadequate relief appropriations.

The survey covers the period in which the department underwent a complete reorganization, including the absorption of the old Emergency Relief Bureau. The reorganization included restaffing the department and effecting certain "economies" which cut the number of persons employed by several of the departments.

The report reveals the intricate system through which relief applicants must pass before they can receive relief. Workers Alliance of-

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RED ARMY TIGHTENS GRIP ON VIBORG



AUSTIN HOGAN

Mayor Attacks Transit Men's Strike Rights

Wholesale Firings Are Threatened by Unification

While the Transport Workers Union was preparing for a mass meeting of 27,000 IRT and BMT workers this week to protect its collective bargaining rights, Mayor LaGuardia launched a vicious attack on the rights of the subway workers yesterday in a letter to Michael Quill, president of the union.

LaGuardia in his letter struck at the heart of the workers' right to strike and the right to membership in trade unions. Under the Wicks Bill governing transit unification, which was condemned by the union as being anti-labor, the Mayor said that "no employee's status will depend upon his affiliation with any labor organization."

TWU officials had not yet received the letter and were unable to comment on it.

Austin Hogan, president of the TWU of Greater New York, in announcing the mass meetings being held by the union denounced "the scandalous conduct of Mayor LaGuardia and other administration officials in connection with unification."

LaGuardia's letter contained also a direct attack on the right of the transport workers to strike to protect their rights.

"The right, therefore, to strike against the government," the letter stated, "is not and cannot be recognized."

Hogan's announcement further assailed LaGuardia's insidious anti-union maneuvering with the transit companies.

"The transit workers of this city," the statement declared, "are not going to sit idly by and watch these rights taken away by some banker's puppet."

The Mayor's actions follow his continued refusal to meet with representatives of the union over a long period to discuss the position of the transport workers under unification.

Gov't Admits Farmers Hard Hit by War

WASHINGTON, March 3 (UP).—The Agriculture Department reported tonight that the European war has diminished export demand for American farm products and that there is no immediate prospect for improvement.

The report substantiated forecasts by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and Agriculture Department economists that "the war will hurt American farmers more than it will help them."

United States exports of tobacco and fruits have been hardest hit by import restrictions. Great Britain has declared a virtual embargo against those products which formerly comprised a sizeable part of American farm exports to Europe.

"Exports of pork and lard are not up to the volume that would flow normally in a year of large production and low prices," the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported. "Export sales of cotton have been good but have declined recently. Little wheat is going abroad."

TWU Calls Mass Rallies To Protect Union

27,000 IRT and BMT Workers to Meet on Mayor's Attacks

The Transport Workers Union, CIO affiliate, has summoned its 27,000 members employed on IRT and BMT subway, elevated, trolley and bus lines to a series of special mass meetings this week to determine what action to take in the face of the stubborn refusal of Mayor LaGuardia to recognize the right of collective bargaining and union contracts for transit workers under unification.

First of the mass meetings will be held tomorrow night at Arcadia Hall, Halsey Street and Broadway, Brooklyn, for BMT day employees. Night workers of the BMT will meet Wednesday, at 10 A.M. in the auditorium of Brooklyn Transport Hall, 98 Flatbush Avenue.

IRT employees are scheduled to meet Wednesday night at Royal Windsor Hall, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue. Night IRT employees will meet Thursday, at 10 A.M. in the main auditorium at Transport Hall, 153 W. 64th St.

"The scandalous conduct of Mayor LaGuardia and other administration officials in connection with unification will be exposed at the meetings," Austin Hogan, president of the Transport Workers Union of Greater New York, announced.

"The transit workers of this city having obtained bona fide collective bargaining rights and the protection of union contracts are not going to sit idly by and watch those rights taken away by some banker's support," he declared.

"If the Mayor thinks the time has arrived for him to drop his pro-labor front and join with Wall Street in bringing back to New York an era of yellow dog treatment for labor, he is greatly in error."

LABOR SUPPORT

In addition to the IRT employees, the Transport Workers Union membership of 50,000 includes workers on the Third Avenue Railway System, Independent Subway System, New York City Omnibus Corporation, Fifth Avenue Coach Company and other transportation facilities, including taxicab fleets.

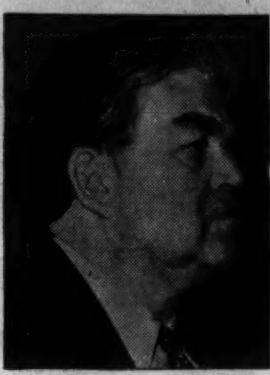
Support of all of New York's 1,000,000 unionized workers in the drive to obtain adherence from the Mayor for collective bargaining rights and contracts for transit workers will be sought at a conference of representatives of all labor unions—A. F. of L., CIO and Independent affiliates—to be held Thursday evening at the Hotel Capitol, 8th Avenue and 51st St.

The union's official call to its IRT and BMT members for the mass meetings was accompanied by a statement adopted and signed individually by the 400 officer-members of its Executive Board and Joint Executive Committee.

The statement cites the many gains in wages and other improved working conditions attained by the union through collective bargaining, its record for the establishment and maintenance of peaceful labor relations and uninterrupted transit service in New York City and condemns the Mayor for his refusal to give IRT and BMT employees assurances that their contracts and collective bargaining rights would be preserved when they become city employees after unification.

Begins Tomorrow—Maritime Commission, Is Exposed

Starting tomorrow the Daily Worker will publish the first of a series of three articles, written by Adam Lapin, our Washington correspondent; dealing in detail with the pro-war, anti-labor activities of the U. S. Maritime Commission.



JOHN L. LEWIS

Lewis Speaks At Auto Rally On April 6

Appearance at Huge Meeting to Climax GM Campaign

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 3. — John L. Lewis, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, will address a gigantic union rally in the Olympic Stadium, Detroit, Saturday, April 6, it was announced Saturday by R. J. Thomas, President of the U.A.W.-CIO.

This appearance of America's outstanding labor leader in the auto center fills a long standing request and desire of the auto workers to again listen to the man who has won the highest respect of Detroit's 200,000 auto workers.

This will be Lewis's first appearance in Detroit in 1940 years, and the gigantic rally being arranged for him, will mark the highpoint in the U.A.W.-CIO General Motors campaign to win the majority of the G. M. workers for the April National Labor Relations Board elections in General Motors plants.

Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, Vice-President of the CIO will accompany Lewis and will also speak at the Olympic Stadium rally.

All three men will appear in Flint next day, Sunday, April 7th at the I.M.A. auditorium. In both cities Detroit and Flint, the appearance of the leaders of the CIO will be proclaimed "CIO Day."

Parades and other celebrations, said Thomas will welcome the speakers.

Thomas, George F. Addes, secretary treasurer of the U.A.W.-CIO; Walter P. Reuther, director of the union's G. M. work and Arthur L. Case, Flint regional director of the U.A.W.-CIO will also address both rallies.

All local unions in Detroit this week are making extensive preparations to turn out an immense crowd to greet Lewis and the other CIO leaders on their visit.

Local union parades, union bands, women's auxiliaries, union men's children all are being mobilized as additional features for Detroit and Flint's CIO day.

War Candidate Defeated By Laborite

SYDNEY, Australia, March 3 (AP). — Defeat of a Government candidate by a Laborite in a parliamentary by-election yesterday was interpreted as censure of Australia's war policy today. The Labor Party opposes compulsory military service and the sending of Australian troops overseas.

Steamer Bombed In Channel, 80 Indians Missing

LONDON, March 3 (UP). — The Admiralty announced tonight that the British-India passenger steamer Donola, 8,441 tons, was bombed in the English Channel yesterday and that the captain and 20 persons were killed.

Eighty-eight British Indians were missing. It was feared they were dead.

Germans Ridicule New Turkish Treaty Report

BERLIN, March 3 (UP). — An authorized German source today termed the Istanbul report that a new Turkish-German trade treaty had been signed "complete nonsense."

Conference Opens Fight on Anti-Alien Legislation

250 Trade Unions Among Groups Represented; Reject Red-Baiting

By Adam Lapin

Daily Worker Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 3.—The fourth national conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born tonight pledged a relentless fight against impending anti-alien bills and all other attempts to subvert the Bill of Rights.

More than 600 delegates from 250 trade union, fraternal, civic, and church organizations representing approximately 4,500,000 people joined in adopting this pledge which was contained in the declaration of the conference.

"As Americans, we pledge to devote ourselves and our organizations, regardless of race, place of birth, political, economic, social or religious belief, to defend the rights of the foreign born and the non-citizen," the declaration said.

"We invite all those who believe in democracy to join with us in our efforts to preserve the principles of liberty and justice as provided in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States."

Prior to final adoption of the declaration, the delegates overwhelmingly rejected any type of red-baiting.

David Glendennin of the Workers Defense League, controlled by Trotskyites and Socialists, had led an attempt within the resolution committee to have the conference go on record as condemning the Soviet Union.

While not accepting Glendennin's proposal, the committee did approve a "compromise" formulation condemning "any form of totalitarianism."

Only eight delegates voted in favor of this "compromise" while the others voted against it.

WARN OF INTOLERANCE
In its declaration, the conference called attention to the fact that "war conditions throughout the world today increase the danger of acts of intolerance and prejudice against the foreign born similar to those which culminated in the Palmer raids of 1920."

"Non-citizens are being dismissed from their jobs and are being intimidated by threats of discrimination, deportation, concentration camps, fingerprinting and registration. The non-citizen is being wrongly blamed for unemployment, crime, espionage, and sabotage."

"An attempt is being made to disrupt American organizations and to divert the attention of the American people from a thorough consideration of our domestic problems and prevent a proper solution of these problems by blaming the non-citizen for our difficulties."

"America was discovered by immigrants. Our government, our Constitution, and our customs were molded by immigrants. Our railroads, our factories, our roads and

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Soviet Ski Patrol



Soviet infantry such as this has carried through the great victorious offensive which smashed the Mannerheim Line and captured Viipuri. This photo was taken during maneuvers held recently in the Kalinin military area.

Helsinki 'Atrocity' Tales Exposed by Red Army

Charges White Guard Officers with Tying, Shooting Reluctant Finnish Troops Who Refuse to Fight 'Hopeless Cause'

MOSCOW, Monday, March 4 (UP).—The Soviet military command today published a denial of Finnish (White Guard) allegations that their planes had bombed civilian populations or that Soviet troops had shielded themselves behind prisoners and used poison gas.

Welles Off to Paris to Push Drive on USSR

BERLIN, March 3 (UP).—Under-secretary of State Sumner Welles enroute to Paris and London for conversations with French Premier and Foreign Minister Edouard Daladier and British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Welles conferred with high German officials today and concluded the first phase of his tour as special American envoy to the nations of Europe.

Following his conference with Hitler yesterday, Welles met today first with Rudolf Hess, deputy leader of the Nazi Party, and then with Col. Gen. Hermann Goering.

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Government Fails to Prove Case As Fur Trial Enters Third Week

By George Morris

The trial of Ben Gold and 24 of his co-workers in the leadership of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union of the CIO, will enter the third week this morning.

From all indications it is due to continue at least four more weeks. If the fight will be as sharp for every inch of the ground as it has been in the first two weeks, the trial may even drag longer.

The union leaders are charged with "conspiracy to restrain trade" under the Sherman anti-trust Act. The indictment is not a recent creation through the office of Thurman Arnold, assistant U. S. Attorney General, in charge of the anti-trust division. It was issued Nov. 6, 1933.

The indictment was collecting dust for nearly six and one-half years quite obviously because the government knew it had no case. end, in accordance with the time honored practice, left the matter in cold storage.

But today, with Sherman Act indictments in national style, war hysteria and persecution of labor organizations mounting, and militant leaders such as Ben Gold particularly marked, even a flimsy patchwork like this indictment may serve the purpose.

Thereupon, Thurman Arnold, who has apparently been digging into archives for anything that can serve for labor prosecution, blew off the dust and put four prosecutors on the job with orders to convict.

The government dug up the Grand Jury minutes of proceedings in September 1933, when employers

of the fur industry, dead set to smash the then fighting Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, now merged in the fur union, were only too glad to come up and charge anything under the sun to obtain prosecution of its leaders.

Those who testified in September are now subpoenaed by the government to appear as witnesses and repeat their stories of six and one-half years ago. They are reminded of the details even if in 1933 the truth was stretched from Yonkers to Coney Island.

No wonder most of the government witnesses, all manufacturers, disappointed the prosecution and often proved far more valuable for the defense.

To date, it can be said without

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Takes Town To North in Encircling Drive

Captures Fully Equipped Enemy Headquarters, 5 Artillery Forts

ISLAND FALLS

Continues Occupation of Southern Section of City

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Monday, March 4. — The Red Army, continuing its encirclement of Viipuri (Viborg) a section of which it already holds, advanced on the city from the north and south Sunday, the official communique issued at Leningrad Military Headquarters reported today.

Soviet troops, striking swiftly to isolate the city completely, occupied the hamlet Saarela north of Viipuri, capturing four seventy-six millimeter guns and a fully equipped headquarters of a large military unit.

In addition the Red Army also captured Tuppura Island, 13 miles south of Viipuri, taking six defensive fortifications, including five ferro-concrete artillery forts armed with heavy coastal guns. The guns were in full working order when taken.

Soviet aviation brought down ten enemy planes during the day, in addition to bombing enemy troop concentrations and other military objectives.

The communique issued by the Leningrad Military District of the Red Army said:

"March 3. On the Karelian Isthmus Soviet troops continued to surround the town of Viipuri."

"Soviet troops occupied the hamlet of Saarela, north of Viipuri, capturing four 76-millimeter guns and the fully equipped headquarters of a large military formation."

"The island Tuppura, south of Viipuri, was also occupied, capturing six defensive fortifications, including five ferro-concrete artillery forts armed with heavy coastal guns which were found in full working order."

"Nothing of importance occurred on other sectors."

"Soviet aviation acted against enemy troops and military objectives. Ten enemy airplanes were brought down in air combats."

On Saturday the Red Army occupied Viipuri's railway station in addition to capturing Cape Keihansniemi and the island of Turkisniemi to the southwest of the city.

Yesterday's operation brought the total number of forts captured by the Red Army in its offensive to 923, including 240 artillery forts of reinforced concrete.

It's Time to Retract Now, Mr. Villard

Freiheit Editor Challenges Author of Anti-Semitic 'Prediction' Against the USSR to Admit Brazen Falsehood

By Paul Novick

The six months are over and it is time for Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard to retract.

We have in mind the "piece of bad news" Mr. Villard circulated to "The Nation." In its issue of Dec. 3, 1939 he stated in a letter written from the Hague:

"One other piece of bad news I must give. It is widely believed in responsible circles in Germany that calls for the application of the Nuremberg law to Russian Jews, and that this will be done within six months from the signing of the pact. It is not thought that such laws will actually be put on the statute books. Stalin will simply give certain orders; that will be enough."

Well Mr. Villard, the six months were over on February 23rd.

ANTI-STALINISM ARE LONGING FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

We can readily understand why Mr. Villard was so willing to disseminate the "news" he obtained from "responsible circles in Germany." He was disseminating Nazi propaganda without reserve or qualification because—well, he said it—but it is the truth—certain opponents of the Soviet Government, rather professional haters of Stalin, are longing for the type of news which Mr. Villard and the editors of the Nation presented to the American public. That's why the Jewish reactionary press (the Day, Jewish Daily Forward, the Morning Journal) reprinted the Villard story under huge headlines on the front page. That's why these newspapers too often print stories about "poisons" in Soviet-occupied territories, about Nazi literature which "will" be circulated in the Soviet Union (the Morning Journal accompanied this obnoxious fake with minute details as to where the literature will be circulated, in what institutions and how many millions of copies the Soviet Government will publish...)

Too often you hear from a person who is blinded and dazed by hatred towards Stalin: "Wait, you will see, there will yet be anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union." Whether Mr. Villard belongs to this category of Stalin haters we do not know. We do know that he was too willing to give publicity to that Goebbels canard.

Needless to say there CANNOT be any anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. The equality of races and nationalities is one of the main pillars of the Soviet Socialist structure. The Soviet Government is a different type of government—different, let's say, from a Chamberlain Government which according to a Feb. 27th Falcor dispatch from Jerusalem has now introduced in Palestine the provisions of the White Paper prohibiting Jews from buying land in certain sections of Palestine. The Soviet Government does not make promises in order to betray them. It doesn't even make any promises—it just executes a policy of national liberation and friendship among peoples and races which is a basic line of Len-

inism. It makes no promises—it builds Socialism!

On February 26th the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a cable from Paris had the following to say: "The Soviet Government takes into consideration the tragic position of the refugees and it gives them the opportunity to move deeper into Russia but despite that the number of refugees (in Western Ukraine) does not become less. Thousands of Jewish refugees from Nazi Poland continue to come into Russia. Their number is growing daily and amongst them there are not only Polish Jews but Austrian, German and Czechoslovak Jews as well who are fleeing from Nazi terror."

Another JTA cable from London dated February 27 speaks of half a million refugees who are being moved by the Soviet Government into the interior part of the Soviet Union, meaning that the refugees are being given free transportation, food and other traveling necessities. One must not forget that refugees wherever they are settled in the Soviet Union are provided with jobs.

A JTA cable from Kiev dated February 21 carries the information that preparations are being made throughout the Soviet Union to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of the great Jewish writer J. L. Peretz (who died in Warsaw, Apr. 3, 1915). According to the same cable Ukrainian cultural institutions will actively participate in the celebrations and the works of Peretz will be published in Yiddish and Ukrainian.

Without a doubt, J. L. Peretz will similarly be commemorated in other sections of the Soviet Union, particularly in Biro-Bidjan.

In an article appearing in the Morning Freiheit our Moscow correspondent informs us that the pavilion of the Jewish Autonomous Region Biro-Bidjan on the exhibition grounds of the agricultural fair at Moscow will be enlarged this year. This is a result of the intensified up-building of the Jewish Autonomous Region itself.

These are but a few points of information to Mr. Villard. One could go on and on. Not to speak of the flood of letters from refugees in the Soviet Union now appearing in the Morning Freiheit—letters received by relatives of these refugees in the United States, vividly portraying the horrible Nazi atrocities, and, on the other hand, the warmth and love with which the Red Army received the refugees. These moving human documents relate how the Soviet Government, through its Red Army, was trying to save and has been saving every Jew who wanted to be helped. A refugee from Zamosc now living in Johatin, near Poltava, related in a letter to his relative in the Bronx (Sam

Schliff, 1735 Fulton Avenue) how the Red Army sent automobiles to the houses of all Jews in Zamosc who wanted to be taken along into Soviet territory when the demarcation line was moved some fifty kilometers eastward toward the Bug River.

How long will people like Mr. Villard ignore the facts? How long will Jews influenced by the Villards and the Jewish reactionary press ignore the facts? How long will they stand the slanders against the Soviet Government, the best friend

and which become more so every day with the rise in prices. We denounce the scandal of the non-payment of these allowances to the unhappy mothers, and this after five months of war.

DEFEND EVERYDAY NEEDS

"We are defending the workers who are being made to work 60 hours a week and more for the wages of a 40-hour week, while at the same time they are subjected to an exhausting speed-up and to constant spying and police terror, while they are deprived of the factory delegates elected by them as well as of all the improvements which they have gained since 1936. At the same time we underline the fact that, while the effects of the war are cruelly felt by the small man and the workers, the war has brought tremendous profits to the industrialists whose stocks have registered prodigious increases on the Stock Exchange."

"We are defending the farmers against those who, with the abolition of the Wheat Board, intend to operate a policy of the reduction of the prices of agricultural products. We demand that the farmers who have been mobilized be allowed to return to their farms, that they be refunded immediately for the requisitions at a just rate. We demand too the allowance to the wives of the mobilized farmers be increased from the miserable 4% of the allowance when during the last war the allowance was 1 1/4% of the allowance. We call too for the declaration of a moratorium on all farm debts."

"We are defending the small shopkeepers, who today are in a very difficult situation and who do not hesitate to stress the misdeeds

of the Daladier government in their shops and markets. For them, too we demand a debt moratorium, and that, instead of hurting the small shopkeeper under the pretext of fighting the increase in prices, immediate measures be taken to deal with the trusts who are free to increase the wholesale prices of goods as they will."

"We are defending the women and the youth in the factories against the bosses who are imposing working conditions upon them which are far above their physical capacities. We are defending the unemployed whose sole has been scandalously reduced at a time when prices are rising. We are defending the civil servants who have been deprived of all the guarantees they had before the war, by the suppression of their Statute."

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"We are defending the soldiers, for whom we demand an increase of the ridiculous pay of 75 centimes per day. We also support all their material and moral demands. It is for that reason that the soldiers who have a profound desire for peace, see our Party as the great and only peace party."

"We are defending the colonial peoples against their French Governors who aim to use them one day to support reaction at home and anti-Soviet action abroad, and at the same time we are doing everything to strengthen the fraternal ties between the people of France and the natives in the colonies."

"To sum up, the French Communist Party continues its struggle for the bread, liberty and peace of the people of France. The Party of the French people, we defend that peo-

Swedish C. P. Editor Killed In Arson Plot

Warmongers Seen Behind Slaying of Four Others

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 3 (UP).—Five persons were killed early today in an explosion which destroyed the Communist Party building in Lulea where the district newspaper Norrskens Sifflamen (Arctic Light) was printed.

Fire followed the explosion. K. A. Hellberg, chief of the newspaper office, his wife and daughter were killed. Two other bodies, unidentified, were found in the ruins. They were believed to be a woman and a child.

Editor Filip Fossberg was injured seriously and taken to a hospital. Police said they believed the explosion was caused by what they called "some patriot."

Patrols Clash On Western Front Fighting

Paris Communiqué Says Germans Suffer Heavy Losses

PARIS, March 3 (UP).—German patrols suffered heavy losses in two attacks on French advance posts in the East Moselle sector of the Western Front, military dispatches said tonight.

The High Command communiqué said that an enemy raid in the West Vosges sector ended with the French taking some prisoners while in the Lauter sector the French "laid an ambush which was successful."

In the East Moselle clash, the dispatches said that a French patrol was surprised by a heavy German contingent obviously sent to bring in prisoners and break up the advance lines.

Artillery signalled the approach to other French units and a heavy grenade, mortar and light battery fire was poured into the Germans, inflicting "heavy losses."

BERLIN, March 3 (UP).—A German patrol blew up a French dugout southeast of Saarlautern and repulsed a French advance in the northern part of the town of Ritzingen on the Western Front, the official German news agency DNB reported tonight.

Slight artillery fire was reported in the west sectors of the front. The news agency did not say if the French suffered casualties in the dugout bombing on the patrol clash.

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ple against all the war-mongers and war profiteers.

"That is why Daladier does not wish Communists to be able to speak before the legislative assemblies. He knows only too well that we would stand up as accusers against him and his policy. We would accuse him with damning proof of having wanted this imperialist war in order to crush the people, in order to satisfy the appetites of the imperialists and to destroy one by one the conquests of the Popular Front."

The attitude of the French Communist Party to the war was defined very fully by Maurice Thorez in an interview I had with him last October. Since then speeches have not been lacking on both sides of the Channel in an attempt to present the war as a "war for democracy" and Yellow Books, Blue Books and White Papers abound. For this reason I thought it advisable to ask Duclos what he thought of these efforts and the light they throw on the real reasons for the outbreak of war. This is what he said:

"All the Yellow Books in the world will not be able to hide from the peoples of Britain and France the fact that Daladier and Chamberlain are using the war as the instrument of their reactionary policy. Under cover of the war they are carrying through a policy which would have been impossible in time of peace. And we Communists accuse the capitalists of having brought us to this war in order to secure the triumph of their reactionary policy."

"The plot of reaction against the working class and its Communist Party has been prepared for a long time. And when today the government says that the anti-Communist

Market-Place in Viipuri



The victorious advance of the Red Army through the Mannerheim Line resulted in the fall of Viipuri, second largest city in Finland and long a center of working class revolutionary activity. Photo shows the market-place of the city.

West Coast Liberals Hit Attacks on Communists

Dreiser, Legislators, Churchmen Are Among Signers of Civil Rights Statement of Protest

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freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

The full text of the Declaration and the names of the signers follow:

BILL OF RIGHTS IS FOR ALL

"The undersigned believe that civil liberties have been guaranteed to all Americans without respect to race, color, creed, or political beliefs. We believe that civil rights can not be withheld from any section of the population at the pleasure of those who may have the power to do so without endangering the civil rights of all the people.

"Therefore, we feel compelled to speak out at this period when forces that may destroy civil liberties by first attacking minorities are broadcasting the dangerous theory that certain sections of the people should be placed outside the protection of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

SCORES 'ANTI-ALIEN' BILLS

"We recognize the following facts: (1) That the Dies Committee is talking openly of the suppression of the Communist Party and that in this they have secured the support of many large newspapers; (2) That Dies has stated his desire to 'deport seven million aliens' whereas in reality there are only approximately three and one-half million aliens resident in the United States according to the last census; (3) That various discriminatory and repressive legislation against the foreign-born has been passed by the House of Representatives.

"Open incitement to vigilante activity against labor, against dissident radical groups, and against national and religious minorities is increasing throughout the United States. California is no exception. Leading newspapers have frequently editorialized on the theme of 'getting rid of Harry Bridges'; many industrialists and bankers have openly approved the violence used in the Madera Cotton strike;

trade unions, cultural groups, Jews, Catholics, Masons and ending in the destruction of all freedom.

"It is in our own interests, therefore, and in the interest of those rights for which America has struggled these many years that we raise our voices in solemn warning against denying to the Communists, or any minority group whether it be racial, religious, or political, the full freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights."

measures were the result of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact, they lie and their famous Yellow Book itself contains the proof that they lie. This book, which does not contain a single document relating to the period between March 15 and Sept. 29, 1939, yet contains a highly interesting confession by that political arch trickster, M. Ronnet.

PLOTTED LONG AGO

"Document 149 of the book consists of a note by M. Bonnet on a conversation with the German Ambassador in Paris on July 1, 1939. The last paragraph reads: 'I finally told the Ambassador that he could observe the movement of national unanimity behind the government: elections will be suspended, public meetings banned, all the attempts of foreign propaganda, whatever they may be, suppressed, and the Communists brought to reason.'

"Here we have the admission of the plot that existed against liberty and against the social conquests of the workers. Here is the proof that the French government never had any intention of forming the 'Peace Front,' but only intended to carry through a policy of reaction and social retrogression, easier to accomplish in time of war than in time of peace. It is this momentous plan, prepared years ago, and which is now being put into action, and that is why the war of M. Daladier is not the war of the French people. That is why it is the duty of all true French patriots to rid the country as soon as possible of this government which has always sacrificed the interests of the nation to the interests of the 290 families.

(Continued tomorrow)

100,000 Attend Lvov Election Rally

Workers, Peasants, Freed from Polish Slave Drivers, Enter Into Elections with Vim for New Life of Plenty

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 3.—Our correspondent in Lvov informs us that in the western regions of the Ukraine preparations for the election of deputies to the Supreme Soviet are in full swing. A meeting held in Lvov on March 2 was attended by 100,000 people. When factory whistles blew on the outskirts of the city announcing the end of the working day, festively decorated columns of demonstrators poured out into the streets and proceeded toward the center of the city.

Echoing through the walls of all houses were Soviet songs and music played by scores of orchestras. It was a holiday of the people whose former lot was one of extreme misery and poverty. The square in front of the Grand Theatre was filled from end to end and many persons were unable to enter.

Seated on the platform of the meeting were the secretaries of the Regional Party Committee, the chairman of the Regional Executive Committee, Kozayev, academician Studinsky, author Wanda Wasilewska, and many others.

A UNITED POPULATION

The people came to the election meeting united in their feelings and thoughts. Stefaniya Gritsal, a woman worker of the first confectionery factory, and recently elected chairman of the factory committee, spoke of the new life, the happiness to live and work in a Soviet country which the Red Army brought to all the people.

She was followed by a teacher, Vasil Stesluk, who in a very moving speech said: "A new life—the life of justice and freedom has dawned in our land where only very recently the whip of the Polish overlords swished. We are experiencing a great historical period. Our eternal hope—our one great wish has been fulfilled. The deputy of our socialist parliament should be a person who loves his socialist fatherland boundlessly and who enjoys the full confidence of the people—one who is able to fight for the cause of Lenin-Stalin, for the cause of Communism. The Ukrainian scientist and academician, Kiril Studinsky, is such a person."

A similar stirring speech was made in Polish by Wanda Wasilewska, a tall and simply dressed woman, approached the microphone and immediately after her first few words she had won the hearts of her listeners.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Wasilewska, who has engraved in the pages of her books the misery and suffering of her people in gentry ridden Poland, made a passionate plea to continue the fight for happiness.

"We must not fear difficulties which are inevitable in the process of breaking up the old and the birth of a new life. The overcoming of these difficulties and the rapid blossoming of socialist economy, culture, science and art depends upon our persistence in labor."

Next to take the floor was Studinsky, candidate for deputy to the Soviet Union, who said:

"An election meeting attended by 100,000 people was an unheard of thing in old gentry Poland. Only liberated people can take Red banners in the call of the Communist Party, and the endless columns demonstrate their will and their unity."

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Kings County A.L.P. Progressives File Slates for Primaries

Files Successfully in 23 Assembly Districts, Amasses Total of 15,000 Signatures, More Than 35 Per Cent of ALP Enrollment

The Kings County Division of the "Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party" announced last night that Primary slates for State Committeemen and Presidential delegates have been successfully filed in all 23 assembly districts in Kings. This was made possible by amassing the total of 15,000 signatures which is more than 35 per cent of the entire Kings ALP enrollment. The Board of Elections requires signatures from only 5 per cent of the ALP enrollees in each assembly district.

In contrast to this overwhelming approval by the voters of the Progressive Committee, the Rose-Waldman-Hollander opposition secured through devious methods only 6,500 signatures. It is expected that many of the opposition signatures will be detected as forgeries, and a crew of attorneys for the Progressive Committee are busy at the Election Board challenging numerous petitions.

PROMINENT UNIONISTS

Among the Brooklyn candidates for State Committeemen on the Progressive slate are such outstanding trade union leaders and prominent local figures as: Bernard J. Reswick, 1st A.D. leader and the party's choice for Congress and the Municipal Court in the last two elections; Joseph Dermody, state vice-president of the CIO Industrial Council and a recent Congress candidate; the Rev. Theophilus Alcantara, Negro leader; the Rev. Reginald A. Bass; Joseph J. Fody, international vice-president of the Transport Workers Union; and Arthur E. Blynn, 18th A.D. leader and secretary of the Kings Division.

The Kings Progressive Committee slates follows (asterisk denotes incumbent):

1st A.D.—Mercedes Arroyo, Jose R. Gi-bonias, Editor Kaufman, Bernard Reswick, Verne Weid.
2nd A.D.—Robert Flint, James Green, Abraham Kirschner, Emanuel Katz, Victor Rabinowitz.
3rd A.D.—D. Caspary De Angelis, Pearl Parlat, Louis Hernandez, Munio Pignara, Sidney Gurewsky.
4th A.D.—Irving Stern, Raphael Lehman, Hyman Katz, David Rinsler, Elliot Hanes.
5th A.D.—Thomas Burkenhead, Vincent Palmbo, Samuel Kaplan, Joseph B. Alesia, Andre Marquis.
6th A.D.—Henry I. Nagin, "Rose Samson, Samuel Korb, Sol Adelman, Jacob Carol.
7th A.D.—Carl O. Peterson, Patrick Dowd, Carolyn Kasabian, Gustave Johnson, Max Singer.
8th A.D.—Bartholo Afa, Elizabeth Luchinski, Philip Reisman, Penina Reisman, Irving Glickman.
9th A.D.—Patrick Ryan, Sylvia Malind, John J. Dunne, Joseph C. Navarra, Michael M. Plajman.
10th A.D.—Mae Shandlow, "Samuel Korman, Alfred T. Feingold, Amos Landman, Jesse Cosentino.
11th A.D.—Joseph J. Fody, Reginald A. Bass, "Walton Cohen, David Derman, Max Torchin.
12th A.D.—Joseph Dermody, Israel Weisman, Mary Proter, "Benjamin Lazarus, Claire Glickman.
13th A.D.—Maurice Golob, Sadie Solis, Nathan Messner, Murray Feldman, Morris Berger.
14th A.D.—John D. Masso, "Anthony Linkus, Morris Packer, William Eisenstadt, Joseph Lewakowski.
15th A.D.—George Rogers, Eugene Blouet, Anthony Malinassy, Paul Muller, George Mette.
16th A.D.—Irving Hersenberg, Michael Coleman, Philip D'Amato, Irene Jasper, Manuel Kordon.
17th A.D.—Theophilus Alcantara, Abraham Schindler, Lillian Steinhaus, Hyman Koppelman, Julius Meyerowitz.
18th A.D.—Arthur E. Blynn, George Feigenbaum, James A. Leveson, Leo Bernstein, Anne Winter.
19th A.D.—Leonard Montalto, Alexander Avelino, Vito Barbera, Rae Smith, Meyer Bergman.
20th A.D.—Biagio Palazzolo, Frank Quibordo, Andrea Venuti, Peter Ippolito, Carlo Metelin.
21st A.D.—Peter Harris, Raymond J. Sullivan, Oscar J. Albert, Martha Gollub, Robert Joffe.
22nd A.D.—Samuel Goldberg, Theodore Campanella, Julia Meister, Samuel O. O'Neill, David Rood.
23rd A.D.—Frank Pagano, Joseph Kessler, Beatrice A. Weisman, Julius L. Bezoso, Henry Hainick.

Drunken Fascists Kill 2

MEXICO CITY, March 3 (UP).—The commander of the Sinaloa military zone reported today that three civilians and two soldiers were killed in disorders caused by a group of drunken men in the Durango border town of Soledad.

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Steel Workers Fight Against Co. 'Sitdown'

McKeesport Mill Closed by Management After Union Dues Drive

McKEESPORT, Pa., March 3.—What is virtually a "sit down strike" on the part of the management has been met with unanimity and determination by the workers at the McKeesport Tin Plate Corp. mill here.

The management shut the mill after a dues inspection conducted by SWOC Lodge 1237 Monday morning resulted in bringing the dues of practically all the workers in the mill up to date.

The management of the mill issued a statement that the mill would remain shut until the police would offer "adequate protection." At the same time, the local press printed scare headlines about picketing on public roads. However, Sheriff Heinz declared that there had been no trouble save for a brief traffic jam and that the workers had a right to hold their dues inspection line.

At the same time, Joseph Baron, President of the SWOC lodge, declaring that the public was entitled to know the true facts, issued a statement in which he said that there was no picketing of the mill itself but rather a routine inspection of union cards.

"The inspection was completely successful," said Baron, "and we have no need for continuing the picket line nor is there any reason for the mills continued shut down."

Baron pointed out that the mill management was actually opposed to the establishment of a check-off system or a union shop. It was said at the union that the only way the mill could prevent the dues inspection line was through granting of a check-off system.

WORKERS JAM RALLY

Wednesday night, a jammed and enthusiastic meeting of the lodge supported the union leadership and voiced its determination to continue holding the dues inspections as often as necessary. Among those who addressed the meeting was John Greulia, SWOC sub-regional director. Greulia strongly supported the action of the lodge.

On Thursday a conference was arranged with Sheriff Heinz, the mill management and union representatives. The management, however, failed to show up. The reason given by Lawrence Smith, the mill's general manager, was the presence of the SWOC representative.

The company has declared that it will remain shut down until it is granted "adequate police protection" for the "men who want to work." However, the union membership is confident that the management will soon change its mind.

"We have the union now, and almost every one in the mill is in it," one worker said, "we know that we need regular dues inspection if we can't have a check-off. We'd rather have the latter."

"If this outrageous political trickery is sustained it means the disfranchisement of the enrolled voters in these counties and will permit one group of officials to perpetuate their control by their own misfeasance. Since the law provides no penalty for failure of the officials of the party to file pursuant to Sec. 18, you should immediately instruct these Boards to accept the petitions and thereby effect the democratic intentions of the law."

Signed: "MORRIS WATSON, Chairman, Progressive Committee to Rebuild the A. L. P."

A copy of the telegram was sent to Attorney General Bennett. Watson charged that Rose engineered a change in the by-laws of the party to vest control of the State Committee with the up-state counties which has only 7 per cent of the A. L. P. vote, not satisfied with this, he now tries to prevent the counties which he has not even a hope of carrying from exercising their franchise.

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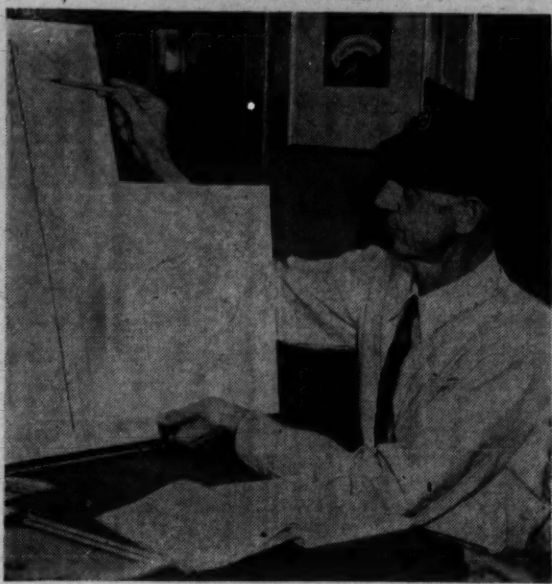
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Invents Navigation Aid



Andrew W. Comrie, of Miami, Fla., explains the new system he has invented to revolutionize the art of navigation. He is pointing at his device, which by the varying declination of the sun indicates at a glance any selected meridian. It tells the exact instant the sun will be vertical over any given point.

AFL Actors Union Aids Brass Rail Walkout

Local 16 Had Requested 10 Affiliates of 4 A's to Refuse to Patronize Struck Restaurant in Heart of Times Square District

The international board of the Associated Actors, Artists and Artistes of the A. F. of L., yesterday voted to request each of its ten affiliates in New York to put on the unfair list the Brass Rail restaurant, which has been struck by three A. F. of L. and one CIO unions since Jan. 18, 1939, it was announced yesterday.

Action came upon request of William Albertson, secretary treasurer of the Waiters and Waitresses, Union Local 16 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees. Albertson also called attention to the fact that owners of the Brass Rail operate a concession at Jones Beach and four restaurants at the World's Fair.

Located in the heart of Times Square the Brass Rail has been patronized by actors and theatre workers.

The board of the 4A's also delegated its president, Frank Gilmore, to arrange a picket line of celebrities in the actors field. The date for that event is to be announced later.

Among the other acts of the board yesterday, was a decision to write a letter to William Green, requesting that he define the jurisdiction of the new organization in the outdoor variety field he had recently chartered. Consulting with no one in the 4A's which had jurisdiction over the field through its Guild of Variety Artists, Green suddenly announced that he has granted such charter to Ralph Whitehead, who was ousted last summer from the 4A's.

Mr. Scherer said that this is the second Chapter of the FAECT which has been chartered in the past few days. The FAECT has chartered a Chapter in Martinez, Calif., at the huge oil plant of the Shell Development Co.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard Chapter of the FAECT will meet Thursday at 6:30 P.M. at the Parish House, 230 Adelphi St., Brooklyn, to hear report of international FAECT President Lewis Alan Berne.

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Bronx Irish To Rally on March 15

Flynn and Toohey to Address Meeting in P. S. 43

On March 15th, the Communist Party and Y.C.I. branches in the South Bronx are holding a pre-St. Patrick's day mass rally in defense of Irish liberty and expression of solidarity with the Irish people in the section. This meeting will be held in P.S. 43, in the heart of one of the largest Irish neighborhoods in New York City. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, herself long a resident of the South Bronx, and Pat Toohey will be the principal speakers.

Every sign points to this meeting being a huge success with the Irish-American workers of the neighborhood. Communist canvassers scoured the neighborhood with leaflets protesting the hangings and pointing out the reactionary role of British and American imperialism have been greeted with friendliness and sympathy by the Irish workers in the territory, in the entire city. At a meeting of 1,300 Irish Republicans held several weeks ago, references to Mannerheim and American loans to Finland was loudly and cheerfully boomed.

Posters, an advertising truck circulating the neighborhood and roller skate brigades of Y.C.I.ers will highlight the preparations for this meeting, and indicate the determination the 1st A.D. to really go to town on this meeting.

Phila. Sends 110 Telegrams on Anti-Lynch Bill

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—A total of 110 individual telegrams urging passage of a Federal Anti-Lynching bill were sent to Washington by the Cooperative Committee Against Lynching, following a mass meeting held here at the Friends Meeting House. Speakers at the meeting included: Rabbi Eugene Sacks, Walter White, James Dumpsion, and the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard.

The Co-ordinating Committee is composed of 80 delegates from all the 45 international CIO unions in Chicago, representing 250,000 members.

Delegates meeting Feb. 24 ratified the program set up by a steering committee.

It calls for leaflet distribution and co-operation with the Chicago Newspaper Guild in fighting John Doe body attachment order, which Superior Court Judge John J. Lupe has indicated he will issue if Guild handbills continue.

Other points include: Setting up of union committees to call on firms that advertise in the struck Herald-American.

Distribution of petitions through union locals, calling for a settlement of the strike and asking for funds.

Distribution of lists of major unfair advertisers, to be issued weekly to all C.I.O. locals in the Chicago area and to the labor press.

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Minneapolis CIO Prepares for Huge Anti-War Protest

Prepares for April 6 "Yanks Are Not Coming" Demonstration; Commends Senator Norris For Asking Probe of Hoover's G-Men

MINNEAPOLIS, March 3.—The Hennepin County CIO Industrial Union Council began to carry out its anti-war program in earnest at the regular meeting held this week. Following a report of the activities of the AYC Citizenship Institute by Miss Edna Eklund who represented the Council at the Institute, the Council set up a "Yanks Are Not Coming" Committee to work with the Minnesota Youth Assembly to make April 6 the anniversary of the United States' entry into the first World War, a day to be remembered by the people of Minneapolis.

CIO Strategy Committee Aids Guild Strikers

Calls for Intensified Drive to Win 15-Month Fight

CHICAGO, March 3.—Millant CIO support of the 15-month-old Chicago Newspaper Guild strike against Hearst's Herald-American took a long stride forward recently with setting up of a five point program to assist the strikers.

The C. I. O. Co-ordinating Committee to Aid the Guild Strikers, organized by C.I.O. Regional Director Ernest B. Pugh, adopted the program calling for intensified activity, directed chiefly at advertising and circulation of the struck paper.

The Co-ordinating Committee is composed of 80 delegates from all the 45 international CIO unions in Chicago, representing 250,000 members.

Delegates meeting Feb. 24 ratified the program set up by a steering committee.

It calls for leaflet distribution and co-operation with the Chicago Newspaper Guild in fighting John Doe body attachment order, which Superior Court Judge John J. Lupe has indicated he will issue if Guild handbills continue.

Other points include: Setting up of union committees to call on firms that advertise in the struck Herald-American.

Distribution of petitions through union locals, calling for a settlement of the strike and asking for funds.

Distribution of lists of major unfair advertisers, to be issued weekly to all C.I.O. locals in the Chicago area and to the labor press.

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Whitney, Railroad Union Leader, Says U.S. Must Keep Peace

Says Nation's Chief Problem Is Solving Unemployment; Warns Tories to Cease Attacking Labor's Civil Rights

President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, declared that staying out of war and centering attention upon solving unemployment, is America's great task for 1940.

This was included in his answer to a request recently made by the United States News from a number of labor leaders, for suggestions of resolutions business and government should make for the year. He replied:

"Let Business resolve: (1) to cease its unprincipled attack on labor unionism and collective bargaining; (2) to agree to support the Wages and Hours Law; (3) to get out of the labor spy racket; (4) to pay its fair share of taxes to support the unemployed.

"Let Government resolve: (1) to guarantee that it will immediately turn its attention to solve the problem of unemployment; (2) to provide useful work for those who are in need; (3) to stay out of all foreign wars; (4) to enforce the American Bill of Rights in behalf of all sections of our population."

1939 PROFIT \$100 MILLION

On January 1, Standard Statistics Co. advisors to investors and speculators, predicted that with further traffic gains the profits of the railroads would be better for 1939 than for any year since 1930. Full year composite net profit of the roads was estimated at around \$100 million. This compares with a net loss of \$123 million in 1938 and a net profit of \$98 million in the relatively prosperous year 1937.

Labor Agreements on File With National Mediation Board				
June 30	Total Agreements	National Organizations	Local Unions	Company Unions
1935	3,021	2,222	81	718
1936	3,485	2,721	113	651
1937	3,832	3,123	112	597
1938	4,039	3,364	110	565
1939	4,061	3,556	54	451

Agreements with system associations—company unions cover a minor proportion of Class I railroad mileage in almost every craft except the shop crafts where they still embrace about 22 per cent of the mileage. In 1938 they covered 25 per cent of the mileage for shop crafts. In 1939 agreements with national unions were 57.6 per cent of all agreements, those with local unions 1.3 per cent of all, and with company unions 11.1 per cent, as compared with 83.3 per cent, 2.7 per cent and 14 per cent respectively, in 1938. National union agreements increased among all classes of carriers except electric railways, where they were 82.7 per cent of all agree-

Representation of Total Class I Mileage, June 30—		
1938	1939	
Shop Craft Unions	Per Cent	Per Cent
Machinists	72	81
Boilermakers	72	76
Blacksmiths	68	77
Sheet Metal Workers	73	76
Electrical Workers	69	79
Carmen	68	78
Firemen, Oilers and Roundhouse and Shop		
Laborers	57	71
Molders	3	6

Other representation changes of interest among train service and other groups in the fiscal year 1939 as compared with a year earlier are the following:

Representation of Total Class I Mileage June 30—		
1938	1939	
Other Unions	Per Cent	Per Cent
Locomotive Engineers (engineers)	97	98
Conductors (road conductors)	98	99
" (dining car stewards)	—	10a
" (dining car cooks)	—	8b
Trainmen (road conductors)	1	2
" (yard foremen, helpers, switchtenders)	86	92
" (yardmasters)	6	7
" (dining car stewards)	55	59
" (brakemen, flagmen and baggage men)	99	99
Switchmen (yard foremen)	9	10
" (yardmasters)	—	1
Clerks	94	96
Hotel and Restaurant Employees	38	58
Sleeping Car Porters	7	10
Red Caps	4	12

a—Six agreements; b—Two agreements.

Union Asks More Shirtmakers to Call Stoppage For March 11

Declaring that the present prevalence of pneumonia in Greater New York has increased the demand for trained nurses, Miss Virginia Mirabella, president of the American Federation of Registered Nurses, yesterday urged that the State Legislature immediately pass corrective measures to prevent the supply of nurses from being seriously depleted.

She declared that unless the Feld-Todd law, providing that no nurse may practice after July 1, 1940, unless she has a state license, is amended approximately 30,000 nurses in New York State will be marred from practice.

Assemblyman Robert F. Wagner, one of the sponsors of legislation to postpone the license date one year, will address a mass meeting of nurses at Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th St., tonight at 8:30 P. M.

A stoppage affecting 5,000 workers in 11 eastern shirt manufacturing plants still not covered by an agreement, will be called on March 11, Alex Cohen, manager of the Shirtmakers Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers announced yesterday.

The announcement came as members of the Shirt Institute are signing individual agreements with the A.C.W., confirming the general agreement covering shops in Atlantic states. By March 11, the union is to know which individual manufacturers have not signed and they will be subject to the stoppage, unless they sign by that time.

The plants which it is indicated will not be covered by the general agreement, are in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The renewed pact, containing a number of improvements in the old contract, runs to Feb. 1, 1941.

AFL Masons Back Bill for 3,000,000 Jobs

Resolution Demands Passage of Marcantonio's 'Standards Work Act'

In a resolution unanimously adopted at its last meeting, the Stone Mason's Union, No. 78 of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America (A. F. of L.), went on record for the immediate passage of the bill HR 8615 introduced by Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

The bill, known as the "American Standards Work and Assistance Act," would eliminate much of the red tape which prevents workers who are not on relief from getting employment and would open up new fields of work now closed to millions.

The resolution says in part: "Whereas, Congressman Vito Marcantonio has introduced in the House of Representatives HR 8615 known as the 'American Standards Work and Assistance Act' designed to put three million Americans to work on socially useful government projects, and

"Whereas, this bill provides for the paying of the prevailing rates of wages to all skilled mechanics and sets a minimum of \$70 a month for all other common laborers, and

"Whereas, it also eliminates the necessity of a man going on relief in order to be eligible for such a job, doing away with humiliating 'pauper oaths,' and also eliminates the 18 months WPA clause, and

"Whereas, the sum of \$4,860,000 is lying unused in the Federal Treasury and could be easily appropriated for this truly American work-creating program, saving our country from becoming dependent on war industry for its prosperity, and

"Whereas, the hundreds of thousands of unemployed union mechanics and laborers see in it their only hope for an American way of life.

"Be it resolved, that the Stone Mason Union Local No. 78, N. Y., of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union goes unanimously on record for the passage of HR 8615 and that it calls upon all New York Senators and Congressmen to work for its passage, and

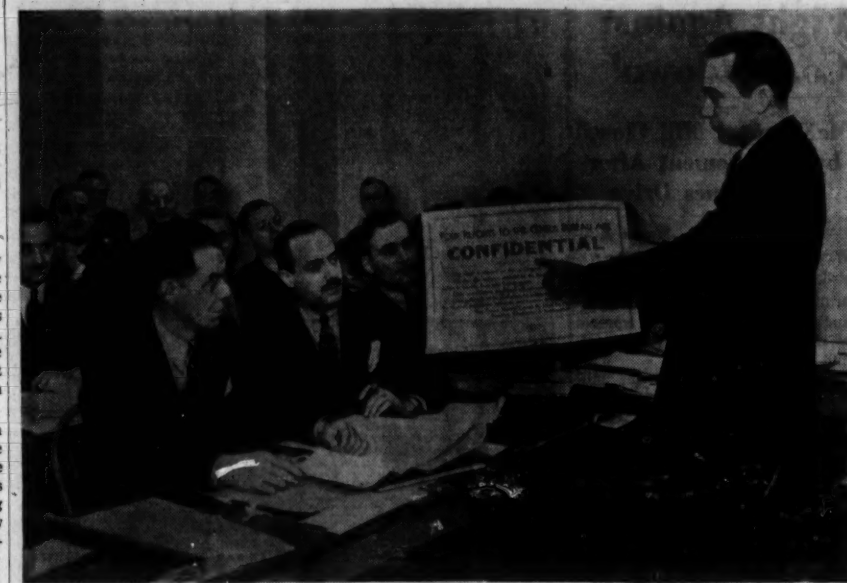
"Be it further resolved, that we urge our local and national leaders, including the Building Trades Council of New York, the New York Central Trades and Labor Council, the B. M. & P. I. U. and the Building Trades Dept. of the A. F. of L. to support in every way this work-creating bill, and

"Be it further resolved, that we urge the Building Trades Dept. of the A. F. of L. assembled in convention in Washington on March 4 to go formally on record for HR 8615, and

"Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to President John Coyne of the Building Trades Dept. A. F. of L. to Pres. Harry C. Bates of the B. M. & P. I. U. to Pres. Thomas Murthy of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council, Pres. Thomas Murray of the New York Building Trades Council, to our Local Congressmen and Senators and to the Press."

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They'll Soon Knock at Your Door



James L. Harrison, acting chief of Region 1, instructs a class in census-taking in the Federal Bldg. Chicago. The census will begin early in April.

Gov't Fails to Prove Case; Fur Trial Enters 3rd Week

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hesitation, that even on its face, without an effort by the defense to place its own direct testimony in evidence, the government has not connected any of the 25 on trial with a single illegal act.

Judge William Bondy has inferentially said as much, as he has repeated on every occasion when confronted with a motion to dismiss the ridiculous testimony, that he is admitting it only on condition that the prosecution will show connection in later stages of the trial. He has further declared that a "conspiracy" must be established and the guilt of each defendant could stand up only if he is connected to the conspiracy.

Thus far the "conspiracy" feature and heart of the indictment has been practically forgotten. The defense is eagerly awaiting to see how the government will make that claim. There is only one hint in this respect, and if a conviction is obtained on that score, Mr. Thurman Arnold will have an opening that will enable him to throw every union official in jail. This is seen in the efforts Berkeley Henderson, chief prosecutor, has been making to bring out connection between the union leaders and strikes that have been called; asking the manufacturers to show how they stopped production and thus building up a "restraint of trade" argument, on that basis.

For the most part Henderson's witnesses were manufacturers who were put on to tell how or on a certain occasion a stench bomb was thrown into their place, or similar acts of violence occurred.

The defense is not saying that these men are just plain liars. In 1932-33 these acts were a frequent occurrence and, in fact, the industry was in a state of terror. But not due to Gold's union.

The criminals have, in fact, been apprehended and convicted on two indictments. They are 1) about 100 manufacturers who were members fixing fur-dressers associations; 2) the remnants of a racketeer-controlled A. F. of L. fur union almost all of whose members went with Gold when his group was expelled; 3) Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Jacob

(Gurrah) Shapiro and Abraham Beckerman ousted from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for racketeering, who directed the slugging division of the setup to force manufacturers into line and to force the workers into the discredited A. F. of L. chartered company union.

At their hands members of Gold's union were murdered, and many were assaulted. At their hands manufacturers who wavered or talked at the dictates of the racketeers were assaulted or bombed. At their hands violence was frequently framed, in order that prosecution would be directed against Gold's union.

WITNESSES GUILTY

The defense has declared that before the trial is over it will prove that the very acts the government tries to pin on the CIO union leaders, will be traced to the doors of the very convicted witnesses the government is bringing.

The so-called star witnesses were thus far men convicted on the two former indictments, or were found connected with convicted racketeers. The only non-manufacturer is Charles Salounis, expelled from the union as a stoolpigeon, extortionist and agent of employers. The government is probably sorry it put him on as he did far more to discredit its case and he didn't bolster it. Oscar Yager, an employer, was exposed as the most active of the directors of the convicted racketeers. Another important witness, Philip Silverman, was exposed as associated in his business with a director of another of the racketeering outfits.

The government has not yet produced a single witness in whom an impartial jury could place any credence.

British Steamer Sinks

LONDON, March 3 (UP).—The British steamship Oato, 710 tons, has been sunk off the west coast and 11 crew members are missing. It was announced tonight.

The ship was believed to have struck a mine. Two survivors were landed and two bodies were brought ashore.

Bay State CIO Considers 3rd Party Move

Resolution for State Labor Party Before Mass. Convention

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WORCESTER, Mass., March 3.—The Massachusetts state convention of the CIO meeting here had before it today a resolution urging the calling of a conference of the CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League, the AFL, youth and other organizations for the purpose of discussing the formation of a State Labor Party.

In addition other important resolutions put forward by the delegates included one supporting the passage of the Van Nuys-Cavagan anti-lynch bill, and to request Senators Walsh and Lodge to vote to close debate and prevent a filibuster on the vital measure.

A third resolution called for the institution of a uniform relief scale throughout Massachusetts.

Meanwhile the delegates entered a sharp two-hour discussion over a resolution which mistakenly lumped Communism with fascism and Nazism, and declared "we are not interested" in any of them. It was finally passed, but only after a strong vote of 93 was cast against it. The resolution was passed by a vote of 135 to 93 with many of the delegates abstaining.

Many delegates from the maritime, packing, rubber, the cleaning and dyeing industries, objected to the resolution on the grounds that, despite its "innocence," it opens the path to Hearstism, knuckles under to Dies and other labor baiters and encourages further attacks on civil rights.

The supporters of the resolution urged that it was merely a formal expression of CIO "principles" and was not intended as red-baiting or interfering with the personal or political views of anyone.

The opponents of the resolution, among them P. Gavin and Thomas McGowan, of the National Maritime Union, and Ralph Jackson, of the Cleaners and Dyers, declared that such resolutions confuse the main tasks of the CIO, such as organizing the unorganized and the fight against war.

Daily Worker Charge That S.S. Black Falcon Carried Bombing Planes Was Erroneous

Custom Records Show that Black Diamond Lines' Ship Carried No Plane Parts on October 25, 1938 Trip to Antwerp

A story carried in the Daily Worker on November 9, 1938, during the Spanish war, charging that the S.S. Black Falcon of the Black Diamond Lines, on its voyage to Antwerp on October 25, 1938, carried a cargo of bombing planes which were to be transhipped to Gen. Franco, was erroneous.

In that story, originating with our Washington Bureau, the Daily Worker stated:

"On October 25, the American freighter 'Black Falcon' left New York bound for Antwerp and Rotterdam. Trim, powerful bombing planes were in its hold. In Holland, the planes will be unloaded and transhipped to the fascist-held port of Bilbao, Spain. They will be used by Gen. Franco to rain death on the civilian population in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia. The Black Falcon belongs to the Black Diamond Lines. Its master is named Captain Carver."

From there on our story dealt with the laxness, and the partiality, of the Munitions Board of the State Department in permitting shipments of planes and other supplies to Franco through neutral ports, though they had rigidly prevented shipments to Turkey, Greece and other places when they suspected that such shipments might be intended for Loyalist Spain.

We did not say in so many words that the Black Diamond Lines was necessarily a party to any plan for the transshipment of those planes to Franco. So far as our express statements of fact went they were only that the Black Falcon was carrying a load of bombing planes to Antwerp, from which place, we were informed, they would be transhipped to General Franco. The company might well have accepted a shipment of bombing planes consigned simply to Antwerp or Rotterdam without violating any law. Our criticism was really aimed at the Munitions Control Board.

The article, however, also contained this statement:

"The facts that are known are sufficient to indicate a clear-cut violation of the Spanish embargo."

The Black Diamond Lines vigorously protested the story insofar as they and their steamer Black Falcon were concerned, and took the position that the statement last quoted definitely charged them with violating the U. S. Neutrality Act.

They declared:

"The plaintiff (Black Diamond Lines) had not been guilty of any of the crimes or offenses charged or intended to be charged by the said article. It transported no airplanes whatever, either assembled, unassembled or dismantled, on its steamer Black Falcon on the voyage referred to in said article, and neither falsified the ship's manifest nor conspired with anyone to commit any offense against the United States or to defraud the United States by means of false master's and shipper's manifests."

The records of the Collector of Customs at the Port of New York bear out the claims of the company. The Black Falcon on that particular journey, according to the records, did not carry airplanes, assembled, unassembled, or dis-

mantled, and the company, therefore, did not violate the Neutrality Act or the Federal Statute dealing with conspiracies to commit offenses against the United States and to defraud the United States.

Without changing its basic contention, that during the course of the Spanish war there was on the part of the Munitions Control Board a rigid enforcement of the embargo laws against Loyalist Spain and a laxness in their enforcement where the Franco forces were concerned—the main purpose of our article—the Daily Worker is glad to correct all errors as to fact which were given on the Oct. 25 cargo of the Black Falcon and to withdraw any statements that might be construed as charging the Black Diamond Lines with violating the Federal laws referred to.

Atrocity Tales Exposed by Red Army

Charges White Guards Shoot Finnish Soldiers

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According to the obviously inflated Finnish figures, is only 392."

"All these malicious inventions directed against the Red Army," the statement declared, "will not be able to postpone the approaching end of the Finnish ringleaders' adventure against the Soviet Union."

"No more availing will be the tactics of Finnish officers who, before the forced surrender of military positions on the Karelian Isthmus, tie Finnish soldiers to the walls and shoot them for not wanting to continue the fight for a hopeless cause."

The Soviet Military Command held that "in reality the Soviet aviation, in its numerous successful actions, fired on Finnish troops, fortifications, airbases and other military objectives in Finland's territory but by no means on the civil population."

"The Red Army is too strong to be in need of any poison gas," the statement declared, "to say nothing of the fact that the Red Army considers that use of such gas is immoral and criminal and must be unreservedly and universally condemned."

"Attempting to embellish a hopeless situation, the Finnish White Guards also declare that Soviet troops succeeded in occupying only territories of little importance. The headquarters of the Leningrad Military Area does not find it necessary to refute such witless statements. These assertions are on a level with recent reports of victories of Finnish White Guards, the absurdity of which is obvious."

Ousted 'Okie' Farmers Hit Congress For False Economy, Demand Land

By Eli Jaffe

(Special to the Daily Worker)

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 3.—Oklahoma's dispossessed farmers, three out of four renting from absentee landlords like the Metropolitan Life Insurance on an "I do the work—you get a third basis," last week vigorously affirmed their demand for bread and land and urged a nationwide conference to probe the critical farm tenant problem and spread the story of America's dislocated grass roots to the American people.

As a result of the open hearing conducted by C. M. Evans, regional director of the Farm Security Administration, more than 300 representatives of social welfare agencies, farm organizations and officials of FSA, NYA, WPA and other governmental agencies went on record in strong condemnation of the so-called "economy" group in Congress. Decriing the "trend towards the breakdown of the family-size farm system" and Congressional "indifference," the participants resolved to map immediate plans for the holding of a national farm tenancy conference.

The resolution drafted by E. H. Neelcamp of Anadarko, Mort Woods of Ardmore and Lee Awtry of Greenfield, all farm tenants, dug the needles deep into members of Congress for their short-sighted policy and so-called "economy" by eliminating the land-purchase loans item from the appropriation bill. The resolution also urged Governor Leon C. Phillips and the State Legislature, representing "one of the nation's leading agricultural states and the state which has the largest number of tenant farmers, to take note of the fact that land speculation is one of the most vicious factors in opposition to the development or maintenance of small owner-operated farms" and called for "a thorough study to discover the most effective way of discouraging concentration of large landholdings."

CITES FARMERS FLIGHT

In opening the conference, C. M. Evans declared the "back-to-the-farm movement" was not a realistic solution to farm tenancy because of the present population pressure in the farm areas themselves and the inability of tenants to purchase land at the appraised value. E. Lee Ozbirn, Oklahoma director of the FSA, pointed out that his agency had been able to finance loans for only 525 farms in the past three years with the limited funds provided by the Bankhead-Jones Act and that "we do not have a single delinquency in the State," as an indication of the farm tenant's stability once he gets his own land.

Significant of the Oklahoma tenant farmer's hunger for land of his own was Ozbirn's statement that there are now more than 10,000 applications from tenant farmers for FSA loans. "There is no doubt," he said,

"that if we had twice as much money as we did get, there would be twice as many applications. Oklahoma tenant farmers want land."

Jim Graves, national secretary of the Farmers Union, attributed the chief cause of farm tenancy to the fact that "the farmers have not received enough for their products to support themselves and their families. And the purchasing power of city workers is insufficient." William Franklin of the Oklahoma Farmers Union blasted the charges of indolence leveled against the tenant farmers or the "lack of inspiration" voiced by Dr. W. Z. Bissell of the University of Oklahoma. "Give the farmer," he challenged, "the hope that after a year's work he'll be able to have enough to show for it and you won't have to worry about the farm problem."

Ron Stephens, State Administrator of WPA, replied bluntly to the accusation of big business groups that the WPA was making farm hands indolent and not willing to accept farm jobs. "If \$32 a month," he declared, "with pick and shovel is unfair competition, then you had better look to your farm standards."

"There are 100,000," he continued, "here in the State certified as in need, down to the point of destitution and wanting only to swap sweat for beans. Of these, only 50,000 are working on WPA. Why don't these landlords get their hands from the other

50,000? The trouble is a lot of landlords take advantage of the panic, distressed people. We know of plenty cases where the unemployed were offered and paid 25 cents a hundred for cotton picking."

By far the highlight of the day's hearings was the speech made by Otis Nation, international representative of the U. C. A. P. A. W. A. (CIO), who introduced himself as "one of the Joads." Nation, who is state organizer of the Oklahoma Tenant Farmers Union said that perhaps he regarded the problem differently from some of the representatives of the big companies present at the hearings.

"Maybe," he said, "it's because I lived on a cotton plantation near Phoenix, owned by the Goodyear Rubber Co. And in the rainy season of March, 1938, when we finished picking the cotton, the corporation thugs jerked the tents off the heads of 700 of us families and told us to move on. Maybe it's because we saw some of our kids die from pneumonia and exposure. Maybe it's because I was with the 10,000 migratory workers who stood on the lawn of the State Capitol in Phoenix begging for bread or the chance to work so our kids would not starve. Maybe it's because I took out from Oklahoma with my wife and two kids and one on the way after reading stories about the land of milk and honey

... and found when we got there the bees had left out and the cows had gone plumb dry."

Getting down to cold turkey about the "human erosion of the American farmer," the CIO organizer outlined some of the basic causes of the farm tenant problem. He blamed the high rates of interest charged by the banks "which moved in like a flock of vultures after a crop failure or a bad year." He said that drought and dustbowl have resulted from ploughing up the grasslands to furnish grain in the "war to make the world safe for democracy" and that tractor farming had rapidly replaced team farming in all parts of the State.

The Triple A, he declared, had then come in and had given large landholders added inducement to chase the tenants off the land, use tractors and hire day-laborers and at the same time receive huge Triple A benefits from the government. Another basic cause, he said, was the fact that the farmer was not guaranteed his cost of production so that each year he sank deeper into the hole.

As practical and immediate solutions for the problems, Nation suggested the expansion of the tenant purchase division of the FSA "which has had its head chopped off by Roosevelt and the lower House"; the passage of the Lee Bill making it possible to make government guaranteed loans at 3 per cent interest and to repay in 40 years; the holding of

wage hearings to determine wages to be paid by agricultural workers by those farmers receiving Federal benefits; the inclusion of farm tenants on AAA and FSA boards in every county; the extension of producer and consumer cooperatives; the expansion of rural housing, rural health services and rural rehabilitation and the limiting of AAA payments to absentee landlords to \$1,000. Under present provisions many receive up to \$10,000.

"I say we have got to get together," the organizer concluded, "to make homeowners out of the tenant farmers, the sharecroppers and agricultural workers, at the same time making better Americans. It will mean something to us folks then when we speak of the Constitution. We will be part of it. We will know what the word democracy means from having it. We will have kids that are healthy and well-fed, and that's democracy. To the fight of America and the people who live in it, let's stop squawking about 'economy' until we have solved these problems. This is America's A. No. 1 problem."

When we stop worrying about foreign wars and worry more about our American refugees, blown, trampled and Triple-A'd off their homeland, then we'll be on the road to reclaiming the Joads and the potential Joads and closing the 20th century 'trail of tears' leading to California or any place else there's rumor of work.

Detroiters Plan Protests Against Anti-Negro Mobs

Police Make Little Efforts to Prevent Vicious Beatings of Negro Students at City High School

By William Allan
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 3.—Action against the brutal terror campaign and attacks upon Negro youth by organized gangs of white hoodlums, is being planned here by the Rev. Malcolm G. Dade, vicar of the Cyprian Episcopal Church and other progressives of Detroit's west side.

Attacks against Negro youth which began last week at the Northwestern High School, reached a high peak on Thursday when a crowd of 5,000 people assembled at the school building and witnessed the brutal beating of Negro students by hoodlums. These hoodlums, who were not members of the student body, were armed with clubs and other weapons.

School authorities maintain that the wanton attacks upon Negro youth are being conducted by "outsiders." B. J. Rivett, principal of the school, told members of the Civil Rights Federation last Thursday that the police department had been called but the beatings continued.

Instead of rounding up the white hoodlums, the police are acting against Negro and white youths who are trying to counter-act the incident of the anti-Negro hoodlums.

Rivett also told members of the Civil Rights Federation that a meeting by outsiders had been organized last Monday night on Grand River Avenue. This Avenue runs past the school and the meeting was organized for the purpose of attacking Negro students. It still remains a mystery as to who organized the meeting and who spoke there.

While 100 police officers have been stationed at the school in the last day or so, no serious effort is being made to find the real instigators, particularly since everyone involved claims that the matter is being inspired by outside forces.

A group of four Negroes and five whites were arrested on Friday for distributing leaflets appealing to the students not to be provoked by the anti-Negro gangsters who are seeking to create disorder between Negro and white students.

The leaflet was issued jointly by the Amity Club of the Northwestern High School, the Wayne University Chapter of the American Student Union, the Jewish American Youth Council and the Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The nine arrested persons were questioned for two hours and subjected to all kinds of insults by the "Red Squad." All the "Red Squad" seemed to be interested in was "are you Communists?"

Dr. Thomson, leader of the NAACP, and other civic leaders are very much angered at the action of the police department in arresting students for distributing leaflets.

On Monday, the Detroit Council of Churches will hold a meeting where a number of prominent city ministers, Negro and white, will discuss the whole matter and the scandalous manner in which the city authorities have handled it.

It is expected that a citizen committee will be established to bring the organizers of the attacks upon Negroes to justice. Plans to attack Negro students at Cass Tech and Northern High Schools have petered out because of public indignation.

The activities of the Ku Klux Klan which are openly advertised will be investigated by liberal and progressive forces of Detroit.

The best defense of Browder is to make his works known to the people. Give the "Browder Library" as a gift!

Household Corner

CHEESE is one of the most important foods in the maintenance of health. The easily made old fashioned cheese of our grandmothers day is a splendid source of minerals, vitamins and protein, and is a decided attraction to a plain lettuce or green salad.

Set a jar containing skimmed milk at 72 degrees F. (about the temperature of a warm kitchen) without stirring until it sours and a firm, jellylike curd is formed. This will probably take from 24 to 30 hours.

When the curd attains a jellylike consistency, pour over it slowly one-half its own volume in boiling water, stirring the milk gently meanwhile to divide the curd and to insure even distribution of heat. Do not stir longer than necessary. Cover the jar with a napkin and let stand for one-half hour, stirring

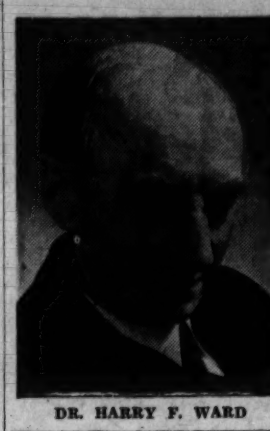
DR. WARD RESIGNS FROM A.C.L.U. IN PROTEST AGAINST RED-BAITING POLICY

Dr. Harry F. Ward, professor of Christian ethics at the Union Theological Seminary, and long an outstanding fighter for the rights of the common people of America, announced Saturday that he is resigning from the American Civil Liberties Union in protest against the undemocratic ban on Communist membership in that group's governing Board recently adopted.

Dr. Ward had been chairman of the A.C.L.U. for twenty years. In his letter of resignation Ward lashed at the organization's leaders for surrendering to "war-time opinion" and telling its minority members "to conform or get out."

"What kind of civil liberties is this?" the letter asks. "It is certainly not the kind that has been proclaimed in all our printed matter from the beginning."

"At this point," Dr. Ward continues, "the resolution (barring the Communists, etc.) becomes concrete



DR. HARRY F. WARD

only in relation to the Communist Party. The inclusion of other or-

ganizations is irrelevant window dressing. In view of the fact that in all our discussions over this issue I have heard no one challenge the record in defense of civil liberties of the one Communist member of the Board (a charter member of the Union), I cannot agree that mere membership in the Communist Party disqualifies one for service on the governing bodies of the Union."

The letter further pointed out that the Union's statement that the resolution was a continuation of the previous policy of the organization is a deception. If this had been the case, Dr. Ward declared, then the A.C.L.U. would have been forced to bar the Communists who had served on the leading bodies of the Union for many years. This they did not do. Furthermore, the letter reveals, that when one of the

Communist members asked the Board whether membership in the Communist Party was undesirable for his presence on the Board, he was assured that this was not so.

"It is also my judgement," the letter concluded, "that when the majority of the National Committee and the Board," adopted the resolution of Feb. 5, "they surrendered positions vital to the defense of civil liberties, positions whose defense under constant attack is the honorable record of the Union. I cannot go with them in this surrender. The Civil Liberties Union which did this is not the Civil Liberties Union with which I have been glad to work for twenty years. Reluctant as I am to sever this long association, I am compelled by the policy that has been adopted to withdraw from the Board and from membership in the union."

Six Alabama Cops Face Jail In Union Raid

Attack Steel and Rubber Meeting Under Anti-Negro Ordinance

GADSDEN, Ala., March 3 (FP).—Six Gadsden police officers who raided the meeting place of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and United Rubber Workers (both CIO) Feb. 14 and arrested 29 workers may face federal indictments for violations of the workers' constitutional rights, local CIO attorneys announced.

The action would be based on a recent case in New Orleans in which a cop and two other men were indicted for beating up a photographer during the Democratic gubernatorial primary, Jan. 16. The photographer was "deprived of his rights, privileges and immunities secured and protected by the constitution and laws of the U. S.," the indictment charged.

Similarly the Gadsden workers were deprived of their rights when police raided their hall just before a meeting, Feb. 14, without a warrant or formal charge, CIO attorneys said.

The arrests were made under a city ordinance which "forbids the purpose of evasion or violation of any law, the advocacy of miscegenation or social equality between the races forbidden by law or State, county or city government." Upon being arrested the workers denied having violated the ordinance.

Just before the meeting two city detectives approached a Negro steel worker and asked him if he was going to attend. When he answered in the affirmative, they dragged him into the hall, arrested him along with three other Negroes and 25 white men, and confiscated a number of membership cards.

Union officials believed the raid was staged by the local police chief for the purpose of supplying the local Republic Steel Corp. plant with a list of union members and sympathizers. The SWOC is trying to organize the Tom Girdler plant and the URW is conducting an organizational drive in the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. plant.

Rhode Island House Opposes Third Term

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 3 (UP).—The Rhode Island House of Representatives Saturday opposed a third term for the President on grounds that such a break with tradition would tend toward development of a dictatorship.

The Republican majority adopted by a 41 to 35 vote a resolution memorializing Congress to enact legislation prohibiting a third term. The action followed a similar resolution adopted Monday by the New York Senate.

The resolution comes before the Republican-dominated Senate Tuesday.

CIO Furniture Union to Join Peace Rally

Endorses Seamen's Call to Demonstration on April 6th

The meeting of the delegates of the Furniture Workers Joint Council representing over 9,000 organized furniture workers in the city and vicinity, voted unanimously to endorse the call issued by the National Maritime Union of America for a National Peace Demonstration to be held April 6, the anniversary of America's entrance in the World War.

Every local affiliated with the Council was instructed to make all the necessary preparation in rallying the members for this demonstration against the involvement of this country in the present war in Europe and for the concentration of all efforts in solving America's No. 1 problem which becomes more serious every day—Unemployment.

The report of the Joint Council's Executive Secretary, Joseph Magliacano, on the progress made in preparation for the citywide conference on legislation to be held March 16th indicates that the conference will be a great success. Some of the speakers who have accepted to address the conference are: State Assemblyman Joseph A. Boccia, Meyer Goldberg; the regional director of the New York State Industrial Council, Adolph A. Germer and the legislative representatives of Labor's Non-Partisan League, G. Jackson.

The conference will deal with social and labor legislation, civil liberties, and problems that affect the economic interests of the furniture workers; runaway shops and the question of legislative measures compelling the city institutions to purchase nothing but union-made products.

The conference on legislation is scheduled to meet from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. on March 16, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

Arrest Drunk Cop for Leaving Accident Scene

Patrolman William O'Donnell of the Tottenville, S. I., precinct was arrested and suspended from duty yesterday after he drove away in his radio car, police said, from the scene of an accident with a private vehicle.

The other motorist, Joseph J. Buzzi, of Stapleton, S. I., reported the accident to O'Donnell's precinct and he was called in by radio and arrested for leaving the scene of an accident. He was on duty at the time.

Capital Food Workers Send Foster Greetings

Hail C. P. Chairman's Outstanding Record as People's Leader in Birthday Telegram

Praising William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, USA, for his leadership in trade unionism, for peace, jobs and civil liberties, the food workers branch of the Communist Party of Washington, D. C., sent the following telegram to Foster on the occasion of his 59th birthday:

Report Shows City's Needy Families Rising

Welfare Dep't Head Calls for More Government Aid to Unemployed

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dials have often criticized the relief apparatus because of the extreme amount of red tape applicants are subjected to and which prevents adequate provision for the city's needy.

In this period the merit system placed an additional 7,000 Welfare Department workers on the civil service. Before the reorganization went into effect only 10 per cent of the department employees were on civil service. Today 79 per cent are on civil service.

The absorption of the ERB brought the Welfare Department's Medical and Nursing service to all needy families instead of only those receiving home relief. In the same manner all former ERB resources were placed under the department's control, bringing wider benefits to the city's needy. The medical division reported that there were 314,989 visits by physicians and 22,510 nurses' visits to the homes of sick recipients.

OLD PEOPLE DENIED AID

The number of aged people who were in need of city relief increased the report showed. The number rose from 48,171 to 49,969 in the 18-month period covered by the report. There were, however, more than 12,000 new cases of aged people who needed aid, inasmuch as 10,000 cases receiving aid in 1937 were closed, a majority because of death. In addition, 12,524 applications of aged people for aid were rejected because of legal technicalities.

In the same period there was an increase in the number of veterans' families requiring relief. The increase was ten per cent over the previous period. The number receiving direct aid was cut down by referring other cases, not included in reports to the WPA. In addition, the department was required to care for almost 23,000 destitute children monthly in the 18 months covered in the report.

MORE RELIEF NEEDED

The report also showed the valuable work that the department could do if it were given adequate funds for its functions. While it was limited by its budget it nevertheless managed to make some distribution of food and clothing to poverty-stricken families. It went on further to show that the need for relief was not diminishing, and that while there was some change in those families on relief, the number still showed a steady rise. However, 65 per cent of the families receiving aid were also receiving aid previous to January 1938, revealing that there was a large section of the population which found it impossible to secure employment. Thirteen thousand families who left

Parley Opens Fight on Anti-Alien Bills

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our industries were built with immigrant labor. "A careful analysis of the 'anti-alien' bills considered by the 76th Congress and several state legislatures disclosed that it is these bills which menace America and not the so-called alien. Every one of the 'anti-alien' proposals would restrict the Constitutional rights of all Americans, native and foreign born, citizen and non-citizen, white or Negro."

The representatives of the American people in Congress and in the state legislatures must not be misled into adopting un-American proposals based upon the false charges and demagogic propaganda leveled against the foreign born."

In a separate resolution, the conference specifically enumerated the more dangerous of the pending anti-alien bills and condemned each one of them.

One resolution passed by the conference opposed "growing discrimination against German-Americans strikingly similar to the anti-German sentiment which existed in the United States prior to its entry into the World War."

A statement issued by the conference condemned the management of the Annapolis Hotel where the conference was held for forcing Dr. C. A. Peterson, Negro delegate of the Caribbean Union, to ride in a service elevator.

"Reps. Lee Geyer of California and John Coffee of Washington addressed the delegates late yesterday in speeches sharply condemning pending anti-alien legislation."

the relief rolls during this period were forced to return after short periods due to being fired from jobs in industry. The second largest cause of the return to relief rolls was the slashes in WPA after the cuts carried out by the Roosevelt administration last year. The survey also showed that those who were forced back on relief lost their jobs through no fault of their own, but because of the inability of private industry to keep them in permanent employment.

Newark C. P. Prepares for Foster Rally

Intensifies Recruiting in Preparation for Civil Rights Meeting

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., March 3.—The Communist Party of Essex County is intensifying its recruiting drive in the coming two weeks, prior to its "Defend the Bill of Rights" meeting at Krueger's Auditorium, Sunday, March 17. William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, who will be the main speaker, will accept the new members into the Party.

Thousands of leaflets are being distributed at shop gates and meeting halls announcing the civil rights meeting. The leaflets warn that the persecution of Communist leaders and the attacks against trade unions are part of the general drive to involve the United States in war.

Mobsters Freed by Court After 'Quiet' Lynching in Tenn.

Negro Youth, Whose Battered Body Was Found in Ditch Was Previously Shot at By Vigilante Storekeeper Over Small Debt

The death of Jesse Lee Bonds, 20-year-old Negro tenant farmer, whose battered body was fished up out of a drainage canal near Arlington, Tennessee, not far from Memphis, by a deputy sheriff, May 2, 1939, was cited as an example of an unidentified lynching by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here yesterday.

Two white men, Charles Wilson, Arlington storekeeper, and his associate William Johnson, who are said to have led a band of white hoodlums in a chase after Bonds on April 28, were later arrested and held in Shelby County jail, charged with Bonds' murder.

The story behind the murder charge against Wilson and Johnson, who were freed January 23, 1940, by Criminal Court Judge Wallace, in Memphis, upon the recommendation of Attorney General Marion S. Boyd, traces the activities of these men up to the time that witnesses said they saw Bonds running for his life, after shots had been fired at him. From April 28, to May 2, 1939, no trace was found of Bonds until his body was taken from the canal by a deputy sheriff.

TWELVE DOLLAR DEBT

Young Bonds lived with his family in Shelby County near Arlington, Tennessee. In the spring of 1939 he owed a debt of twelve dollars to Wilson, who ran a grocery store in Arlington. On the morning of April 28, 1939, William Johnson, who was an associate of Wilson, came to Bonds' home and asked the latter to come down to the store because Wilson wanted to talk to him.

Miss Anna Bonds, Jesse's aunt and a teacher in Arlington, went along, to assure Wilson that she would stand for the debt, for both of them felt sure that was what Wilson wanted.

When they arrived at the store, Johnson was standing near the

Boston C. P. Leader's Mother Passes Away

BOSTON, March 3.—The Massachusetts District Committee of the Communist Party, and the Boston City Committee today extended heart-felt condolences to Arthur Buckley, city secretary of the C. P., on the death of his mother.

The best defense of Browder is to make his works known to the people. Give the "Browder Library" as a gift!

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DON'T buy the kind of life insurance you won't be able to pay for. That will leave her unprotected at a time when she'll need protection most. Buy insurance you can afford in an organization you can call your own.

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MARY, aged 39. As a housewife, she has \$500 disability benefits up to \$400 and T. B. benefits of \$20 a week for thirty weeks.	43c per month
LITTLE BETTY, aged 7 months. She has a \$250 life insurance policy which only costs 15c a month.	15c per month

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Sweating U. S. Labor To Grab Foreign Trade

The foreign trade policies of the Roosevelt Administration in this period of imperialist war, directly threaten the living standards of the American workingman and the American farmer.

The gestures toward a Good Neighbor policy which were half-heartedly begun during the period of the New Deal, have now been completely discarded. In their place, is the mailed-fist policy of American imperialism seeking economic and political domination in the Far East and in South America and attempting to harness the entire Western Hemisphere to the war plans of Wall Street.

For the sharpening economic crisis at home, the scuttling of the program of government expenditures to increase purchasing power, the dislocation of normal trade due to the war, and the increased competition which American exports are now meeting at the hands of Great Britain and Japan—all these combine to make Wall Street more dependent than ever on foreign trade. Where war orders fail to meet Wall Street's expectations, the balance must be filled by imperialist penetration of smaller countries.

The reciprocal trade treaties have been quickly adjusted to this new program. Formerly they were aimed at bringing increased trade to the United States on a basis more or less of reciprocity between the United States and other countries. Today the reciprocity aspect has been junked as the Administration relentlessly forges ahead to kill off competition from other imperialist nations and to establish the unchallenged supremacy of American imperialism. Today the reciprocal trade treaties are geared to the game of bludgeoning the small countries and destroying their neutrality.

The relentless drive for markets abroad under such conditions, is a costly affair. But Wall Street plans to have the cost shouldered by the masses of people here at home and in the smaller countries which are to provide the new markets.

Lower wages and increased speed-up are planned here at home as the means of selling the products abroad at prices low enough to meet imperialist competition while increasing the profits for manufacturer and exporter. Still another method of making up for lower export prices, is to raise the domestic price of manufactured goods, thereby making it harder than ever for the American worker and farmer to buy the things they need.

The American people have nothing to gain and everything to lose from the Administration's drive for war and imperialist trade, whether it be through the reciprocal trade treaties or through other instruments. Instead of a policy which can only mean prolonging the war and involving the United States directly in the conflict, the people want a policy which will first of all increase purchasing power at home as the best means of marketing American goods. They want a policy of friendship with the people of Latin America, substituting true reciprocity for imperialist conquest, and uniting the strength of the entire hemisphere for peace rather than for war.

Self-Indictment

When the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gave its 1939 award to "Gone With the Wind," it indicted itself and also the motion picture industrialists.

The 4-hour, technicolor character of this mammoth libel upon American history, "blinded" them to the anti-Negro slanders, to the attacks upon Abraham Lincoln, and to the slime heaped upon the deep American tradition of freedom.

The motion picture industry is owned and controlled by Wall Street and does the bidding of monopoly capitalism. This was brought out vividly in a constructive series of articles by our motion picture critic, David Platt, which showed that the Hollywood producers had a policy of slandering the Negro, burying Negro talent and culture. "Gone With the Wind" and the more crude "Birth of the Nation" of some years ago are but two examples.

The movie kings have sought to disguise vicious propaganda in the clothes of "objective art." But it is clear that this art, particularly at crucial moments, becomes more openly an instrumentality of war-mongering and reaction, taking its place beside the lying press and radio. Only the persistent demands and vigilance of the public have been, or will be able to resist the onslaught.

Letters From Our Readers

Negro and Hollywood Articles Hit With Reader

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished the series on the NEGRO AND HOLLYWOOD, written by David Platt. Aside from their great interest as a source of facts about the Negro and the film little known to the general understanding of the role of GWTW today, this is the first time I have seen anywhere so intelligent a historical treatment of this subject. It deserves a more permanent place than the columns of a newspaper can give it.

I strongly advise the publication of these articles in pamphlet form. The possibilities are enormous. Perhaps Comrade Platt can do the same thing with other minority groups in this country such as the Jews. I believe these articles represent the finest writing of historical film criticism since Potemkin's "The Eyes of the Movie." Pamphletize them by all means. And soon, too, so that the pamphlets can effectively be used to combat the vicious propaganda of GWTW. —R. P.

Knifed Democracy at Home— Now Fighting for Allies

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Feb. 12 marked six years when the Dollfus-Staremburg Government of Austria destroyed freedom in that country. After dissolving the parliament and outlawing all political parties, the Heimwehr bandits started to break down the resistance of the workers. In the workers' districts around Vienna wave after wave of infantry and tanks rolled against the homes of the workers and unemployed people. Many hundreds of people were killed by fierce gunfire. Gigantic workers' buildings were almost completely destroyed.

The leader of the Heimwehr bandits was the well-known Rudiger von Staremburg, owner of 13 castles in Austria, who hated everything in connection with progress and democracy.

According to recent reports Staremburg joined the French Army as an infantry officer probably to protect the Chamberlain-Daladier democracy and to fight for the return of his 13 castles.

How long will it be until the Butcher Mannerheim as a refugee will be joining the French Army?

AUSTRIAN REFUGEE.

Lauds Newest Book On USSR's Peace Policy

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Another consignment of that valuable Penguin book, "Light on Moscow," has arrived in the bookshops. In it the brilliant British barrister and Labor M.P. has by an indisputable array of evidence portrayed the consistent peace policy of the Soviet Union culminating in the Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact.

—C. L. S.

Noted Author on Negro History Hits Jim Crowism in Nation's Capital

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations on your editorial of Feb. 5 denouncing the shameful Jim-Crowism that prevails in the capital of our country. It is disgraceful that a city originally surveyed by a Negro, Benjamin Banneker, working with Major Eliot, and whose namesake, George Washington, did not consider it beneath him to command an army composed of some 5,000 Negro men as well as white and red men, should be marred by crass discrimination and oppression of its Negro inhabitants.

The people of America, Negro and white, should tell their representatives to wipe out this crime.

HERBERT APTHEKER.

Wall Street Trades— Workers' Lives at Stake

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Workers, and especially young workers aren't supposed to read the financial sections of the capitalist newspapers, but there, you really see the innermost secrets of capitalist filth and intrigue exposed. While the prostitute editorials blab about "democracy" and the war to "save civilization," the financial sections are where the capitalists get clubby and talk in the terms they love—dollars and cents.

J. P. Morgan is up to his old tricks to "save" democracy. The British imperialists want to raise dough by selling their American stocks here. J. P. Morgan has kindly given their agent a "spacious office" in their bank, because he is an "old business associate" of the Morgan firm.

And what are these stocks that the British bosses and the American bosses are trading in? They are the sweat and blood of the American workers.

These little facts are just a bit more proof of the fact that this is an imperialist war against the workers. The only way to stop it is to follow the proletarian leadership of the Communist Party. —J. I.

It Can Happen Again!

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The postal employee, for these many years the forgotten man when the benefits of the New Deal were being distributed, now appears to become the first to feel the effect of the desertion of the New Deal by President Roosevelt.

In thousands of smaller cities throughout the United States there exist a group of employees known as "village letter carriers," who do the same work as the regular city letter carriers, and are subject to the same rules and restrictions, penalties and speed-up. In return for this they are recompensed at a rate of between \$1.150 (entrance salary) to \$1.350 (maximum) annually, on which they are expected to support themselves and family and become model citizens of their communities, singing the benefits of capitalist democracy.

The letter carriers' answer to this has been a legislative objective of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) for equalization with the \$1,700-\$2,100 annual salary of the city carrier. For seven long years the incumbent President gave these men lip service while our "friends" in Congress stifled the bill in committee. Finally by united effort a bill sneaked through wherein the \$1,150-\$1,350 status was to be advanced to a \$1,200-\$1,440 one.

But President Roosevelt chooses to veto this bill with the cynical remark that there is no money available. This in the teeth of the announcement by Postmaster General Farley of a \$14,000,000 surplus, the largest in postal history. Can it be that the Administration has other ideas as to what to do with the money? Can it be that President Roosevelt intends to use this money for carriers of another type, carriers of war?

However, postal employees remember that they have been successful in overriding vetoes on measures for their welfare in the past by Republican Presidents Coolidge and Hoover and by President Roosevelt in his pre-New Deal days. It can happen again! —A POSTAL WORKER.

British 'Angels' Over Helsinki



A cartoon in the Soviet press mocks a report of Reuters' (British news agency close to the Foreign Office) typewriter generals that an angel clothed in white appeared before White Guard Finnish soldiers. Figure in center represents Reuters and figure at right represents British imperialism.

Gov. Lehman and the Republicans Maneuver for a 'War-Economy' Budget

The present messy budget situation has been brought about through the complicity of both the Republicans and Gov. Lehman and, as a result, the social needs of the people are in the gravest danger.

The apparent "controversy" between the Governor and the Republicans does not hide this fact. It merely drives home the necessity of labor and the people rallying their own independent strength against Lehman, the Republicans, and Mayor LaGuardia, if social welfare is to be salvaged.

The Republicans have proposed another cut to soak the schools by \$1,500,000, take \$3,000,000 out of relief, and attacking other social services as well. This is in addition to the fact that the present budget had been badly slashed by the Governor as a consequence of his unprecedented peace-making conferences with the Republicans. This latest proposed cut is an extension of President Roosevelt's "national unity" on a state scale, in which Gov. Lehman is following the policy of former New Deal circles in running out completely on the demands of the people.

HOCUS VERSUS POCUS

Lehman has replied that the Republican cut is "hocus pocus," but it was his own "hocus pocus" cutting, which he agreed upon originally with the Republicans, that paved the way for this proposed new slash. Even now he makes not one criticism of the Republican proposal because it attacks the schools and relief. His quarrel is that the Republicans did not live up to their reactionary truce, but sprang the plan without FIRST "discussing" it with him. His criticism is that it leaves an "unbalanced budget" while he and the Republicans have agreed upon a balanced economy budget. In other words, Lehman and the Republicans are competing with each other to find a smooth way of putting across a war-economy budget. It is the same type of competition taking place between the Roosevelt Administration and the Republicans in attacking social welfare on a national scale.

Meanwhile the conditions of the people of the state are getting steadily worse. The schools are still operating under the handicap of the Republican slash of last year. Even the capitalist press has been compelled to print stories and pictures showing the thousands of children standing in school rooms, injuring their health and impairing their education. Municipalities, facing bankruptcy, are less and less able to handle their 60 per cent share of relief finances, while living costs soar and while the Republicans and Lehman maneuver for economy. Lehman has proposed a restoration of state aid for schools for the forthcoming year but, under his truce with the Republicans, last year's 10 million dollar cut is to stay with almost irreparable injury to the schools. Only the persistent pressure of labor and the people against wrecking the schools forced Lehman to propose even future state aid.

LA GUARDIA JOINS UP

The conference which Mayor LaGuardia had with the Republican budget slashers Fri-

day is another reflection of the fact that he has joined with the Lehman-Republican "economy" crowd. He was worried over "enormous budget troubles," but not about the assault upon schools, the miserable inadequacy of the city's relief standards, or the crying social needs of the people.

His address before a group of social workers a few days ago, in which he flatly refused to do anything about the increased necessities for more playgrounds, was a cynical attack upon a vital social facility. The Mayor has just recently called for a reduction of the stock transfer tax (which hits the rich) and the Workers Alliance has had to raise the alarm against his plan to divert relief funds to some other purpose. Since LaGuardia has joined Herbert Hoover's Mannerheim "relief" outfit he has been following Roosevelt's war-hunger program against the people virtually to the letter.

It is clear that the people can depend no more upon Mayor LaGuardia than upon Governor Lehman or the Republicans to achieve their demands. Labor, progressives and the people generally will have to rely upon their own strength both in respect to Albany and New York City. They need their own political instrument for independent action, separate from both of the major political parties.

The demands of the people can be achieved without placing the financial burden upon the backs of the unemployed, poor, and small business people. While Gov. Lehman, in no sense relieving the needs of the people, has proposed an increased income tax against middle income people. The New York State Communist Party has—through a letter to the Governor and every member of the state legislature—proposed six tax bills and additional measures which would raise approximately \$130,000,000 through capital gains, inheritance bank, and other taxes on the rich. (Although released to the entire capitalist "impartial" press, only the Daily Worker printed the proposals.) The State CIO has brought forward a constructive broad program around which all trade unions and communities can unite.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Labor, the farmers, civic groups, teachers and parents made a great demonstration for a social budget on Feb. 12. They showed not only that further cuts were out of the question but that other vital welfare measures must be added to Gov. Lehman's budget. Based upon the joint participation of the CIO and the A. F. of L., the demonstration showed the great possibilities not only of victory on the budget. It revealed the basis for a genuine united independent political instrument of labor and the people, which would have beneficial effects nationally.

But more than ever the pressure of the people on Albany will have to be kept up. Letters and resolutions from individuals, from trade unions and progressive organizations should pour into State Senators and Assemblymen, and to Gov. Lehman. Every day counts.

Argentine C. P., Socialist Workers Unite in Election

(Special to Inter-Continental News)

BUENOS AIRES, March 3.—The Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party of Argentina are putting forward a common program of defending the peace and neutrality of Argentina, with the central issue the demand for bread, jobs and democracy, for the March elections. On the other hand, all other parties, the Liberals, Conservatives, Radicals and Socialists are "politically united" on a war platform.

The March elections are of tremendous importance, not only because of the number of deputies, senators and governors who will be elected throughout the Republic, but because the shifts that may take place may easily change the trend in the national and international policies of the nation, either bringing about a more progressive Congress or a step backward on the path of reaction and war.

The leaders of the bourgeois parties are ignoring the important problems of the people, such as unemployment, and are concentrating on personalities instead of issues.

"POLITICAL UNITY" AGAINST PEOPLE

At this time, when all the problems of the country are taking on an acute character—when the people have no security as to the future, when the national economy is seriously threatened by international events—the liberals, conservatives, radicals, and of course, the Socialists, are coming out for "political unity."

What is behind this unity? In the first place, there has been no fundamental difference between the Radicals and the Conservatives. Their main "difference" has been based on the fight for public positions rather than around program or principle. And now that the Radicals have achieved some guarantee of getting back government positions, even that previous antagonism is vanishing and good relations are being established between the Radicals and Conservatives.

Secondly, the present imperialist war has served as a bridge to span the differences existing between those who work against the true interests of the Argentine people. This is where the Socialists enter the picture of "political unity."

WAR THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Why has war unified these political leaders? Because the national and internal policies of the country stem from the policy pursued on the question of war or peace. To oppose war would mean that these "political leaders" would have to come to the masses of the people, and speak frankly and clearly. They are not inclined to take this step.

From the moment war broke out in Europe, the Radicals began to give their official support to the English trusts. Therefore the resistance to them in official circles is diminishing and London looks upon them in a more sympathetic light. Now they can be "trusted" without fear by the imperialists. A government of the Radicals would be approved by the imperialist interests of Great Britain. The attempts being made by Great Britain to draw Argentina into the war on the side of the Allies have been an important factor in the "unity" of the political forces of the country.

SOCIALISTS INCITE AGAINST U.S.S.R.

What is the position of the Socialists? The leaders of the Socialist Party have a contradictory and vacillating position. Their program calls for some of the demands of the working people. But on the issue of war or peace, their position does not differ in any way from that of the Conservatives. For example, the Socialist paper, La Vanguardia, outdoes the campaign of El Nacion and La Frontera, the former a Conservative, the latter a reactionary newspaper, in its pro-British and pro-Allied war propaganda.

Therefore, the program of the Socialist Party is not a program for the working class. It is useless to make a pretense of offering improvements to the working class without a firm and consistent policy against war. The "best"-sounding domestic program, in the hands of deputies dedicated to vote in Parliament for the breaking off of relations with the Soviet Union or dedicated to vote in favor of any one of the belligerents (as happened in 1917), is useless.

The Argentine working class cannot vote for the Socialist ticket while the leadership of that party persists in maintaining its war position and stubbornly refuses to unite its forces with the other forces of the working class. The workers will not support that party's position, because to do so would mean to betray their own interests. There can be no authentic workers program which does not embody a correct peace position. To take an ambiguous stand on neutrality is not enough. Today this can be a reactionary position.

ARGENTINE LEON BLUMS

We have examples already of war profiteers who are speculating on the European war and insisting on the neutrality of the country. But through their speculation and maneuvers, the country, sooner or later, becomes involved in war on the side of one of the belligerents. The Argentine friends of the heinous Leon Blum are quite busy defending one of the belligerents in order to bring Argentina into the war on its side.

The program of the working class in the coming elections must be concretized around these points: Peace, neutrality, bread, jobs, defense of social legislation which is seriously threatened by the forces of reaction, a determined struggle against the monopolies, for democracy and broader electoral rights and for unity of the workers.

There are only two political parties who come out boldly for a program of keeping Argentina out of war and for the betterment of the conditions of the Argentine masses. These are the Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party. The most urgent task of these two parties is to convince the rank and file of the other workers' parties of the necessity of forcing their leadership to formulate a program in accordance with the vital demands of the membership and for a peace program.

NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN

This problem faces not only the Federal District of Buenos Aires, but the entire nation. Already in the provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fe and other places, popular organizations have been established to elect representatives of the people to the Senate, the Chamber of Deputies and to the provincial governorships. Already the activities of these groups have met with response. They are in some cases nominating candidates of their own, and in others supporting those who have already pledged themselves to a people's program.

In Cordoba province, the Communists have announced their own ticket and are confident that they will be victorious. In the province of Mendoza, the Socialist Workers Party has advanced its most outstanding leader, Mariannetti, as candidate for election to the Chamber of Deputies.

Despite the splitting maneuvers of the Socialist leadership, the working class of Argentina looks toward the future with confidence in its own strength. This confidence is based on the program advanced by the united efforts of the Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party and the support this program is gaining, because it is a program of, for and by the people.

'Perfidious Albion' And the Irish People

By Louis F. Budenz

BITTER scorn is all that Irish-Americans can express for the charlatan Chamberlain's recent talk about "Britain's stand for Christianity."

Is it "Christianity" which caused the murder of Barnes and Richards in that very city of Birmingham in which the agent of the Bank of England was speaking?

Is it "Christianity" which is filling the Emerald Isle with a new edition of that age-long terror which has lashed the back of the Irish peasant and worker?

Is it "Christianity" which dispatched, almost on the day that Chamberlain was making his remarks, the bombers and machine gunners into the Northwest Provinces of India, to strafe undefended villages and make them run red with blood?

The vultures of the Bank of England are draping themselves in the mantle of "Christianity" in order to whip up a "holy war" against the Soviet Union—to forge still stronger the chains which bind the Irish and Indian peoples to the yoke of British imperialism.

They hope to trick the Irish people and the Irish-Americans (who can be the mainstay of an independent Ireland) as they tricked the O'Mores under the reign of Elizabeth, as they betrayed the Irish year after year—mingling betrayal with bloodshed.

Fortunately, the Irish have learned something from history. It is only two weeks until the day when all those of Irish blood shall be singing "The Wearing of the Green." And in that song out of 1798, there still runs the refrain: "They're hanging men and women." There is still a deep and bitter truth in the words: "It's the most distressful country that ever you have seen."

What British landlords and bankers have done to Ireland was set down in 1853 by Karl Marx in his correspondence to the New York Tribune, then under the liberal editorship of Horace Greeley.

"England has destroyed the conditions of Irish society," wrote Marx. "First of all, she has confiscated the lands of the Irish; then, by 'parliamentary decrees,' she has suppressed Irish industry; finally, by armed force she has broken the activity and energy of the Irish people. England has created the 'social conditions' which allow a small CASTE of robber landlords to dictate to the Irish people the conditions in which they are allowed to hold the land and live on it."

That process goes on, under the Chamberlains and Churchills—a process which seeks to make Ireland a pawn in the hands of British imperialism, which seeks to keep Ireland weak in order that British imperialism may be strong.

The government of Eire is not actively engaged in the imperialist war, that is a gain for its people. But the De Valera government has attempted to furnish the English-soldiers with food supplies, even though many Irish farmers have burnt their stocks rather than turn it over to the British.

The De Valera government has also not pushed the opportunity of the present moment, to cement a united Ireland. The murder of the Birmingham martyrs has so fired all Eire, however, that the Republican movement and the organized efforts of the Irish workers are making a sharp change in this present picture.

Irish-Americans are also learning from history. The announcement in Philadelphia that the Clan-na-Gael and the Irish Republican movements are to launch a national campaign for an independent and united Ireland is some of the best news that has been heard for a long time.

It is to be hoped that this campaign will extend rapidly throughout America. The freedom of Ireland is more than a matter of concern to the Irish or Irish-Americans alone.

My own Irish blood boils at the continued persecution of the Gaelic people—and I am as Irish as the present premier of Eire. There are even wider considerations involved, however, in the independence of Ireland than the joy which will come to all freemen at the complete emancipation of the sons of Erin.

Karl Marx, in his deep devotion to Irish independence, emphasized that it is through the freedom of Ireland that there will be achieved the further freedom of the English working class and of the American workers as well.

"If England is the fortress of European landlordism and capitalism," Marx declared through the resolution of the International Workingmen's Association in 1869, "then the only point at which a strong blow can be struck at official England is Ireland."

The British ruling caste, as Marx stressed, stimulates an "antagonism" between the British workers and the Irish, causing the former to hate the Irish laborer as a "competitor." Through this "antagonism" the British ruling caste maintains its power—exploiting British workers and Irishman alike.

In America, the Roosevelt administration has said "Thumbs down" to Irish independence and "thumbs up" to the Chamberlain. In whirling up the "holy war," Wall Street would like, as a matter of fact, to collaborate with British imperialism in the exploitation of Ireland and of India—with Wall Street getting the larger part of the swag.

Shall Roosevelt succeed in dragging the Irish-Americans once more at the chariot wheel of the Bank of England, through plunging this country into the war?

That is the serious matter placed before the Irish-Americans today by the turn of events. The imperialist nations are engaged in a brutal, bloody family quarrel. They have got up the present imperialist war, in a struggle over the exploitation of weaker peoples and colonies. Fearful that their own battle for the spoils will lead to their own destruction, they are trying to gang up under the leadership of Roosevelt and Chamberlain against the Land of Socialism.

Irish-Americans cannot allow this gang up to take place. It will put the Irish people again at the mercy of the Bank of England. It will drown Ireland in misery and blood.

Such a shameful development cannot be permitted to be consummated. It would be a disgrace to those loyal Irish-Americans, who look across the sea for the day when at last British rule shall cease in the country of Wolf Tone, Emmett and Connolly.

Pagnol, Giono Team Up To Produce 'Baker's Wife'

Director-writer teams have left an indelible mark on movie-making. In Hollywood such collaborations as those of Frank Capra and Robert Riskin, John Ford and Dudley Nichols, and Wesley Ruggles and Claude Binyon are among the most consistently successful motion picture creators. In England, Alfred Hitchcock and his wife, Alma Reville, have been responsible for many of the outstanding films from that country. And in France, Marcel Pagnol and Jean Giono, creators of the prize-winning "Harvest," and now "The Baker's Wife," are currently the foremost screen figures.

"The Baker's Wife," currently having its American premiere at the World Theatre, is a comic story of love and cuckoldry, starring Rainu, most popular of French comedians. Like all of the Pagnol-Giono collaborations, "The Baker's Wife" is not against the background of a small Provencal village in the sunny South of France, where both Pagnol and Giono live. Before entering film production, Pagnol was a highly successful author of stage plays, such as "Topaze," "Marius" and "Cesar."

Like Pagnol, Giono is a native of the Provence and has written much of his environment—in poetry, plays and novels. Like Pagnol, he was keenly interested in the screen as a tremendous popular medium. In their mutual interest in the simple life and the enduring values of earth and the man, Pagnol and Giono found a common meeting ground on which to fashion a series of films of the people of the soil. de Baumannes and then "Regain" (Harvest), all based on Giono's especially impassioned novels. "The Baker's Wife," their most recent effort, is based on an incident in one of Giono's novels, "Jean Bleu." In its robust comedy it reveals the versatility of its creators.

Giono, who was imprisoned a few months ago for signing an anti-war pamphlet, has been released and is again living at his secluded home in the tiny village of Manosque in the Provence. Both Pagnol and Giono plan to continue their collaboration when picture production resumes and have already announced their plans to film "The Song of the World," based on one of Giono's most popular novels.

Mencken Book Self-Portrait of A Bourgeois

"HAPPY DAYS—1880-1902," by R. L. Mencken; Alfred Knopf, N. Y.; \$2.75.

"Not many men of my unhappily meagre equipment have ever had a better chance than I to fling their egos into the face of this world," Mencken says on page 198 of his new book. This is the crux of Mencken's autobiography of the first 22 years of a singularly uninteresting life.

That a man's ego should be of such vast proportions to seriously sit down and write the driven Mencken has written in this book is astonishing. There were never as great inabilities in the famed American section of Mencken's and Nathan's American Mercury as one finds between the covers of "Happy Days."

He tells us what he ate, the games he played, how he Jew-baited, his childhood journeys, what he thought of Sunday school, his illnesses and all the infinitesimal details that go to make up a prosaic childhood.

We can forgive a biographer revealing these things about the genius or famed subject of his biography, or forgive, even approve, a genius telling these things of himself (which he rarely does), but when someone with the limited mentality of a Mencken washes his spotless bourgeois linen in public it is about as interesting as the White Guard Finn capturing his daily quota of 20,000 Russians.

Mencken says: "I was the larva of the comfortable and complacent bourgeoisie. . . I still maintain my dues paying membership in it." Quite right there, sir, for larva, as I understand it, is the immature form of certain insects—like the form of a grub or maggot.

And lest anyone think Mencken is not proud of his stupid, bourgeois and reactionary life, let him heed the words of our hero: "If I had my life to live over again, I don't think I'd change it in any particular or the slightest consequence." Such egotism makes me think of the fable of the frog who puffed himself up until he burst. Something has burst inside of Mencken's head. As he grew older and older his productive efforts became feebler and feebler until we have the "Happy Days" of an atrophied brain.

—F. R.

CIO Official Discusses Labor on WJZ, 9:40 P.M.

Reid Robinson, vice-president of CIO discusses "Labor Policies" over WJZ at 9:40 tonight. . . Third and Final Supplementary Young People's Concert by New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra over WQXR and WABC at 3:45 this afternoon.

Radio Center, Moscow, 4:15 P.M., 7:54 M.
7:50 P.M., 7:54 M.
BROADCAST BAND DIAL READINGS
WMA 870 Kc., WEA 660, WOB 710, WJZ 760, WNYC 810, WABC 860, WHN 910, WOV 100, WJW 125, WED 130, WHOM 1450, WOVN 1500, WQXR 1550.
BROADCAST BAND DAILY PROGRAMS

MORNING
7:00-WNYC—Jazzie Symphony
WABC—Phil Cook's Almanac
WMA—News
7:15-WJZ—U. P. News
7:30-WQXR—Breakfast Symphony
7:45-WABC—Morning News Report
7:55-WJZ—U. P. News
8:00-WQXR—Trans-Radio News
WNYC—Monitor Views the News
WEA—A. P. News
8:15-WNYC—New York State Employment Service
8:25-WNYC—Consumers' Guide
8:30-WJZ—U. P. News
8:45-WABC—Woman's Page of the Air
WNYC—News
8:55-WNYC—Around New York Today
with Hal Halpern
WJZ—A. P. News
9:00-WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WEA—Condensed News
WJZ—Woman of Tomorrow
WQXR—Composers' Hour
9:05-WABC—News About News
9:15-WABC—American School of the Air
9:20-WNYC—Frontiers of Democracy
9:30-WJZ—Breakfast Club
WQXR—News of Women
9:45-WJZ—U. P. News
9:55-WNYC—"You and Your Schools"
WMA—News
10:00-WNYC—Polly the Shopper
10:10-WNYC—News; Latest Food Prices
WMA—Program for Women
WQXR—Short Story Stories
WQXR—Hour of Request Music
11:15-WNYC—Elementary School Program
11:25-WNYC—Safety Songs
11:45-WNYC—"You and Your Health"

AFTERNOON
12:00-WNYC—Midday Symphony
12:15-WNYC—David Lowe, News of Stage and Screen
12:30-WJZ—U. P. News
12:45-WNYC—Trans-Radio News
WNYC—"Inquisitive New Yorker"
WJZ—National Farm-Home Hour
1:00-WNYC—Condensed News
WQXR—Composers' Hour
1:05-WNYC—Missing Persons Alarms
1:05-WNYC—"Current Economic Problems," from N.Y.U.
1:25-WJZ—Rochester Civic Orchestra
WNYC—Story Hour
1:45-WMA—News
WQXR—Radio Garden Club
WABC—Lannie Ross Song Recital
2:05-WNYC—Opera Hour
2:15-WNYC—U. P. News
WHOM—American Citizenship Court
2:30-WJZ—Navy Band Concert
2:45-WNYC—"Art in the City Schools"
3:15-WABC—Golden Gate Quartet
3:30-WQXR—"Little Red School House"
3:30-WNYC—Miniature Concert Hall of the Air, NYA Program
WABC—News
3:45-WQXR-WABC—Supplementary Young People's Concert by New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, Rudolph Ganz, Cond.
WNYC—News WEA—Vic and Sade
4:00-WNYC—Trans-Radio News
WJZ—Club Matinee
WNYC—Four Strings at 4:00
4:45-WQXR—Musical Lecture Series by Dr. Jonathan Schiller
WNYC—Spanish Concert
5:00-WMA—News WJZ—Dance Music
WNYC—Concert Orchestra
5:15-WNYC—"Superman"
WJZ—Musical Stories
WHN—Sam Taylor, Screen News
5:30-WABC—It Happened in Hollywood
WQXR—Gilbert and Sullivan Hour
5:45-WNYC—U. P. News
EVENING
6:30-WNYC—Public Housing Committee Program WEA—Literary Corner
WQXR—Uncle Don WJZ—U. P. News
WABC—Early Evening
WQXR—Music to Remember
6:15-WFAA—P. News
WABC—Genevieve Rowe Song Recital

LOAN EXHIBITION OF MURAL DESIGNS



Whitney Museum recently opened exhibition of mural designs for Federal buildings from the Section of Fine Arts, Washington, which supervises decoration with murals and sculpture of federal buildings. Photo shows prize-winning designs as well as finished murals to be hung in Post Offices.

Chicago Repertory Theatre Opens Season With Union Play

'A Time to Remember' Deals With Life In Department Store

By Carl Harris

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO.—The times are making new demands on a people's theatre.

The clash of forces rings out sharply in the collision of the war party with a mounting popular movement for jobs and peace. "The Yanks Are Not Coming" Committees are growing, the sharecroppers are in open revolt and the voice of John L. Lewis booms loud in the land.

This must be the backdrop for an evaluation of the Chicago Repertory Group, opening the current

season with "A Time to Remember" at Hull House.

It is a play with a trade union message, addressed to white collar workers.

Story of Honest Unionism

A play that tells an honest story of trade unionism is necessarily exciting, dramatic. And there's no doubt that "A Time to Remember" is accurate in its subject matter and that its people are recognizable the types from the clerks and cashiers through the fat men in their private offices.

"A Time to Remember" has, therefore, an appeal and a punch that will warm the heart of any labor partisan and can certainly win many people for unionism.

However, the play follows a pattern too familiar and points a moral somewhat obvious in this year 1940, at least to the audiences that it will reach. The times demand drama hot from the headlines, vigorous and rich with the hot lava of social change.

It is unfortunate, then, that the most important plays being written today are not freely available to such theatres as the Chicago Repertory Group. Royalties and restrictions still prevent the use of the material into which they can throw their full ability.

Nevertheless, we must say on the opening of a new season that this is a fine group to have in our city, energetic, clear-thinking and conscious on the highest political level of the meaning of the theatre in these times.

Scene Is Department Store

"A Time to Remember" is a simple story which runs the course of the organizing pains in a large department store, strike and victory. Discussed in some detail are the problems of organizing in this field, the reluctance of the clerks to join with the shipping room, the use of the stool pigeon to break the morale of the workers, the anti-union pressure from middle class parents.

There is no doubt that such a play has direct importance, since it will reach many white collar workers, and it can be assumed that special efforts will be made to bring the play before these groups.

However, there are several basic defects in the play, and other shortcomings which can be hammered out during the course of the run.

Much of the play's impact is lost through unimaginative writing that lacks the swing and swagger of genuine American speech.

Weaknesses in The Play

A deeper approach to the job of directing the play might have resulted in breaking up many of the stereotypes, and perhaps in localizing the action to the extent that it

Is Vigorous Story of Struggle for Right To Organize

hits closer to home. The chief fault, however, lies in a disregard for the pace of the play, a failure to weed out some of the extra and non-essential hocus-pocus. This is especially apparent in the locker room scenes in which the tempo could be considerably speeded up.

The staging was perhaps most disappointing, in consideration of the excellent work that the Group has done along this line in the past.

However, I understand that the sets have been completely redesigned since the opening last weekend.

The problem here was a pretty tough one, namely, how to mount a 17-scene play with a cast of fifty on a shallow stage, inadequately lighted, without a curtain or a proscenium arch.

The group should be referred to their own intelligent staging of "Waiting for Lefty" for simple sets which do not necessitate long delays between scenes.

High Level Acting Reaches

On the acting end, the Repertory Group hits the level of some of the finest work it has done in recent years. Such veterans as Lou Gilbert, Toni Kray, Bernard Kadison and Eddie Goldberg are examples of the serious approach which the group makes to the problems of characterization.

Sonia Himoff stands out in a restrained and almost lyrical love scene, one of the best pieces in the show.

Significant work is done by Lucille Goldbert, who developed through the Group school to the status of mature and finished workman. A warm and humorous portrayal is also handled by Alan Peters, who recently returned to the Group. Marked improvement may also be noted in the work of Bebe Brown, Irv Alberts and David DeKoven.

The play marks the first important presentation under the direction of Donald Murray, who has come to the Repertory Group from the coast. Murray's work will undoubtedly develop as he becomes a more integrated part of this able and talented collective.

The Theatre Guild, which will present the King-Cott Children's Theatre production of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" for a series of special performances at the five dates have been set. They are: Sunday, March 31; Wednesday, April 3; Friday, April 5; Sunday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 10. All performances are to begin at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

IN 'THE BLUE BIRD'



Eddie Collins, Shirley Temple and Gale Sondergaard in "The Blue Bird," based on the famous story by Maurice Maeterlinck. Film is now showing at the Roxy.

Book Notes

A special exhibition of over 500 rare American books and imprints covering the period from 1663 to 1850 was opened Friday at The New York Historical Society on Central Park West, between 78th and 79th Streets. Held in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of printing which is being celebrated throughout the country, and taken entirely from its own large library of Americana, the Society's exhibition features many volumes never before recorded in bibliographies. Volumes printed by William Bradford, New York's first printer, John Peter Zenger, who was instrumental in establishing a free press in America, Samuel Loudon, James Parker, Hugh Gamble and others, as well as the famed Benjamin Franklin are among the more prominent items displayed.

U.S.A. Needs No More 'Gold Star' Mothers

"I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER—FOR WALL STREET." A pamphlet by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Workers Library Publishers, 16 pp. Price one cent.

By Margaret Cowl

At last it's off the press! This pamphlet by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn is a rallying call to women to stand by the "Yanks Are Not Coming" movement.

"Is there one among us who craves to be a 'Gold Star Mother'?" "Can a gilded pin mend a broken heart?" "Who wants a medal for a dead son?"

These are some of the questions raised in the pamphlet, questions that are haunting millions of women as the war spreads in the world. The pamphlet shows how the Roosevelt administration step by step, is steering our country into this war of the bankers. "Funds are plenty for military preparedness," but the welfare budget of the government has become a hunger budget. "Every mother who holds a family together can understand the privation, the scrimping, the worry, on such a hunger budget in the home."

"For what it will cost the U.S.A. for another war, we could build decent houses for every family in our country. We could build all the schools and hospitals we need. We could pension off all the old people in ease and security. We could give every child a college education. We could have parks, playgrounds, libraries, recreation centers in every neighborhood. We could put America back to work."

of the Communist Party to women everywhere. In 1938, 30.3 per cent of all new members added to the membership of the Communist Party were women; in 1939 this increased to 35.5 per cent. For this celebration of International Women's Day, our women members will add fresh numbers of women to the Party membership rolls, because with each passing day, more women learn that the only political party in our country fighting to end this war, fighting against our country being dragged into this war, is the Communist Party.

100,000 Copies Ordered in Two Weeks

In the short space of two weeks, orders have been sent in to the publisher for 100,000 copies of Comrade Flynn's pamphlet, for distribution on International Women's Day. Here is a splendid piece of literature with which to reach women in helping to make the peace demonstration on April 6th effective.



There are many suggestions in the pamphlet to the women on how to speak up loud and clear for these things they want. To act now for peace, for staying out of war. "Better to Fight Now Than to Weep Later," over mutilated bodies of sons and husbands.

Ammunition in the Fight for Peace

"We are publishing this pamphlet, for International Women's Day," writes Miss Flynn.

On March 8, 1908 the working-class women in the U.S.A. started "Woman's Day" when each year meetings were held to fight for the right of women to vote in the U.S.A. Women in other lands accepted March 8th as a day on which to fight for equal rights. Through the initiative of Clara Zetkin, who later was known to the working people as the oldest member of the German Reichstag, before the establishment of the fascist regime, March 8th was made an International Women's Day to fight for peace. On March 8, 1917, the women in Czarist Russia organized street demonstrations demanding bread and peace. In Loyalist Spain under the leadership of La Pasionaria hundreds of thousands of women organized parades on International Women's Day for the unity of the people against the intervention of the fascists. With the help of Chamberlain and Daladier, the fascist Franco rules Spain and the women this year there, will demand bread, peace and democracy for the Spanish people.

This year, the women in China, will repeat their huge demonstration of last March 8th, when they protested the attack upon their country by Japanese militarism.

The Appeal of the Women of Sweden

The women of Sweden are hoping for a response to their call to the women of the world to press upon their governments to take steps to end this war. Half a million organized women in Sweden issued this peace appeal to the women of the world last month. In a number of cities in the U.S.A., preparations are being made to celebrate International Women's Day through mass meetings and demonstrations.

These mass meetings will discuss ways and means to reach masses of women to take part in Peace Day on April 6th. These meetings will appoint committees to prepare appeals to mothers to join the April 6th peace demonstrations, to join their voice to that of the youth in the demand for peace and jobs.

Women members of the Communist Party are enthusiastically preparing to bring the peace policy

Rockwell Kent Will Lecture In Art Series

Rockwell Kent, President of the United American Artists, announces the fifth and last of the series of lectures on Contemporary American Art to be held Thursday, March 7th, at the Labor Stage, 39th Street and 6th Avenue.

This evening is to be devoted to a discussion on "Contemporary American Sculpture." Those who will read papers are Robert Cronbach, Harold Ambellan, and Herd Emanuel—all well known as practicing sculptors.

Mr. Cronbach and Mr. Ambellan recently executed a large sculpture project for a housing development in Buffalo. Mr. Cronbach will orientate his paper towards the renaissance of American Sculpture, particularly as it relates to architecture and large scale housing developments.

Mr. Emanuel is very well known as an abstract sculptor. Both he and Mr. Ambellan participated in the recent show of twelve sculptors at the Bonestell Galleries. Mr. Cronbach recently had a one man show at the Hudson Walker Galleries.

Part of this last evening will be devoted to discussion and comments on the results that this series has produced.

Publication of a selected group of papers given during the course of these forums is planned.

MOTION PICTURES

"SCANDALOUSLY FUNNY... A TRUE COMEDY AND A DELIGHT."—*Excerpt, N. Y. Times*
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On the The Score Board

The Sore Arm
Brigade—
And Henry

By Lester Rodney

This is the time of the year when all the sore arms are miraculously better—when veterans' legs are good as new—when rookies have that mysterious something—when even Babe Phelps keeps his fingers out of the way of foul tips. But of course the 154 game season is a long, dusty grind.

The unanimity with which the lame arm pitchers are reported back in their old peak form would probably be funny if it weren't really almost tragic for the "old men" of 25, 27 and 33 who are waiting for the almost inevitable return of the shoulder and elbow twinges that mean no more big league salaries in their chosen professions.

So far reports on all the sore armers are of apparent complete cure and a lack of pain. Mungo, Ferrell and Carleton down in Clearwater, Grissom with the Yanks, Hubbell and Schumacher with the Giants and so on. Would that it were so, but it's at least extremely doubtful on the basis of past experience with such ailments.

Incidentally nobody has yet come up with the explanation for the great sore arm plague of the past five years—which has stopped being a huge co-incidence and has become something to really worry about. Lively ball, slugging tendency, overwork, lack of adequate training? ... a little of all? ... all can be refuted in most cases by comparison with past history ... not quite all, that is. The sad case of the former strong arm Dean boys is a clean cut one of overwork ... medically attested to by physicians ... and apparent to anyone who watched the way they were shoved in and out of the box that last big year at St. Leo.

Henry Armstrong stormed apparently impregnable heights out at Los Angeles the other night in trying to win his fourth title from the hard walloping middleweight champion, Ceferino Garcia ... he had beaten Garcia once before in a welterweight fight, but Garcia, the 156 pound middleweight, is another story ... a fighter who had blasted Glenn Lee, Fred Apostoli and Walter Woods out of there by KOs ... hitting with the punch of a light heavy ... I honestly didn't think much of Armstrong's chances and thought it was a foolish fight for him to make when so near retirement, though it was easy to understand his ambition to hang up a mark that will never be touched ... and once again I underestimated the fighting caliber of this amazing little Negro champion who has already broken all fight precedents ... he didn't get the decision ... they called it a draw, but from every writer that saw the fight comes the same story ... he was given a bad decision by the one man judge, Blake ... he won 6 of the 10 rounds clean in banging the heavier man around the ring, and 2 were even ...

Too bad, Henry, but your name is already in the books as the greatest little fighter in history and you still have that swell book you're working on to bring you new laurels ... which will be even more important than the middleweight title you really won and didn't get ...



SI AMBITIOUS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 3 (UP).—The Philadelphia Phillies went through their second practice today with Silas Johnson, veteran right-handed hurler the center of attraction. Johnson said this afternoon that he wanted to work every fourth day in the coming season and do bull pen duty.

BEE ROOKIE SOCKS

BRADENTON, Fla., March 3 (UP).—Carvel Rowell, rookie outfielder stole the show today in the Boston Bees' first nine inning practice game. He rapped two triples, two doubles and a single to help the "onslows" down the "Colemans" 8-6 in an intra-squad game.

TIGERS COMPLETE

LAKELAND, Fla., March 3 (UP).—Charley Gehringer, Earl Averill and Bruce Campbell were expected to arrive in camp tomorrow, completing the Detroit Tiger squad of 20 pitchers, three catchers, seven infielders and eight outfielders. Manager Del Baker emphasized fielding practice for his pitchers all week and did not permit them to bat. He plans a five-inning intra-camp game Tuesday.

DUCKY WANTS \$20,000

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 3 (UP).—Branch Rickey, vice-president of the St. Louis Cardinals, will confer here with hold-out outfielder Joe Medwick on Tuesday. Medwick, who received \$17,500 last year, is believed to be demanding \$20,000. Six men were absent from today's opening workout. They were Larry, Padgett, Medwick, Pepper Martin, Weiland and infielder Joe Orenge.

REDS POSE

TAMPA, Fla., March 3 (UP).—All hands on the Cincinnati Reds, National League champs, will turn out for drill tomorrow for the benefit of new war relief photographers. The Reds ended their sixth day of training today with early starters recovering from stiffness, while those who began work yesterday showed few signs of muscle soreness.

SOX HOLDOUT STUBBORN

PASADENA, Cal., March 3 (UP).—Harry Grabner, secretary of the Chicago White Sox, said today that pitcher Clint Brown and the Sox were still far apart, although Brown has modified his original demand of \$15,000 basic salary and a bonus arrangement for relief pitching that could return a maximum of \$25,000. Grabner said Brown must accept the Sox terms or spend the summer at his Cleveland home.

WHAT'S ON

Tonight
"ATTIC FORUM," "American's Right to Health" by George Gordon, Esq., active health leader. Burnside Manor, 71 West Burnside Ave., Bronx. 9:30 P.M.

Tomorrow
BROWNVILLE GALA EVENT. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, famous woman leader, speaks on "Women and Peace." Tuesday, March 5th, 8 P.M. Asst. Brownville Ctr., 381 Rockaway Ave.

Coming
LECTURE: "Spain's Part in Present World Situation"—General Victor A. Yankovitch. Thursday, March 7th, 8:30 P.M.

Capitol Hotel, 8th Ave. & 51st St. Asst. Auxiliary Veterans Lincoln Brigade. Admission 50c.

TEACHERS UNION No. 43 presents "An Evening of Fine Films." Friday, March 8th, 8:30 P.M. "Man Who Reclaimed His Head"—"People of Cumberland." "The River." Auditorium, Central Commercial Bldg., 214 E. 42nd St. Admission 40c. Tickets at bookshops.

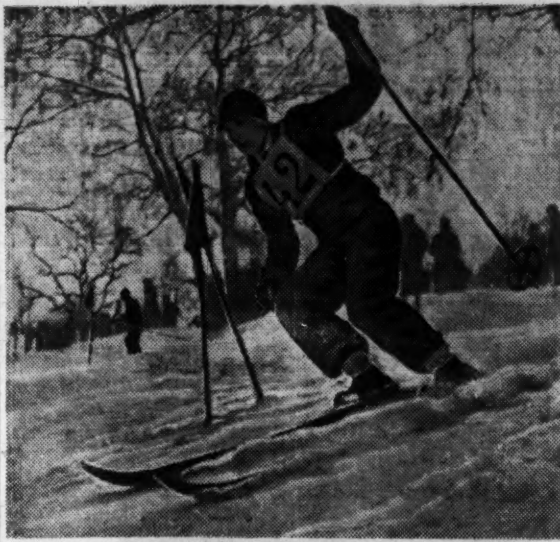
DON'T MISS the Annual Concert of the I.W.O. Mandolin Orchestra, Sat., March 9th, 8:30 P.M. Solosists Kenneth Spencer, understudy to Paul Robinson in "John Henry" and Toby Sultan, Clarinetist. Herman Ridder R. S., Boston Road & 172nd St., Bronx.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION
SOCIAL DANCE GROUP—Recognized workers school for Ballroom Dancing. Walks, Posture, Tango, etc. 66 Fifth Avenue, Studio 7-B. OR. 7-2529. Miriam Pollak. Registration 2-10 P.M.

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What! Skiers in the Soviet Union Too??



You'd really never know, would you, reading about the White Guard Finn's phantom skiers and the poor Russians with their illustrated text books trying to learn ... but there are more people who ski in the Soviet Union than in any other country in the world by far. The picture shows the winning of the 1940 Moscow slalom championship by Rostovlev, a student in the Mechanical Engineering Institute, who did the 200 metre winding and barrier filled slope in 33 seconds. There are constant competitive winter sports meets all over the Soviet Union and anyone can enter.

NYU Resumes Track Lead After 8 Years

Herbert Leads Violet to IC4A Win with Magnificent 600 Victory Over Wes Wallace—MacMitchell Romps

By Al Stillman

NYU licked Manhattan Saturday night with a total of 27 points to the Jaspers 21, to cart back to the Heights the first Inter-collegiate AAAA crown since 1932.

It was touch and go for the two leaders all the way, and it wasn't till the last event, the one-mile relay, that the Violets, with only a one-point lead, clinched the meet.

In that event the favored Violets romped home twenty yards to the good and the Jaspers, with a makeshift squad ran last. Jimmy Herbert, N.Y.U.'s great Negro flash, who just before beat Fordham's Wes Wallace by a step in the 600, anchored the team again and with the fifteen-yard lead handed to him by his mates did not have to stretch himself to come home first. He piled on an additional five yards just to be sure anyway.

The two-mile run offered a surprising upset when big Bill Atkinson, from Little Tufts, placed first by four yards in the fair time of 9:23.8, to beat out the Violet's mighty mile, Joe Gares, and Manhattan's Larry Moriarity. The additional point for second that Gares picked up put the squad from the Heights ahead for the first time during the evening.

MACMITCHELL COPS MILE
The mile was a toss-up between MacMitchell and Manhattan's George Sheehan until the final lap when the one-time schoolboy sensation forged to the front to win by fifteen yards going away.

The Manhattan band and the school's rah-rah pipe smoking fans in the stands went wild as Sheehan and Howie Bulger both Manhattan runners held the one-two spot for four laps, but the cheers turned to yells of dismay as both boys gave before the withering sprint of the Violet ace.

HERBERT MISSES WORLD MARK

Jimmy Herbert nosed out Fordham's captain Wes Wallace in the most grueling contest of the evening—the 600. Running fourth till the final lap, the latter Negro conserved his energy for that all important sprint which carried him into the lead within the last few strides. In winning in 1:11.2 Herbert broke the meet record of 1:12 and came within 1/10 of a second of his own world mark.

Big blonde Ed Burrows, from Princeton, also topped a meet record when he raced from fourth to first in the second lap of the 1,000-yard race and held that spot to the tape. Burrows beat Joe Zeidler and Egan Radcliffe, a Syracuse boy, who finished two-three respectively. The winner was clocked in 2:12.8.

Norwood Ewell, the Penn. State star, annexed two crowns. He took the 60-yard dash in 0:06.3 to hold his title and won the running broad

jump and a new championship with a leap of 24 feet 8-1/8 inches. Ed Dugger, Negro hedge-hopper from Tufts, took the 60-yard high hurdles crown in 0:07.3 for a new meet record.

For the third consecutive week Georgetown's Al Blois topped the world's shotput mark. He won last night with a heave of 55 feet 3/4 inches.

Arthur Byrnes, defending champion from Manhattan, again took the high-jumping crown with a jump of 6 feet 4 inches.

Generally speaking the meet was a slow one. The paces set, with the exception of one or two events, were lackadaisical and the officials didn't help it any by their tardiness in keeping the track in use. The dashes were marred by any number of false starts for which the starter can shoulder much of the blame.

Next week those "professional" amateurs make their appearance in the K. of C. meets, the last chance to see an indoor all-star track meet this season.

MACK LIKES BESSE

ANAHEIM, Cal., March 3 (UP).—With the Philadelphia Athletics' spring game schedule opening here tomorrow against Seattle, Connie Mack is impressed with early preparatory work of Herman Besse, the \$25,000 pitcher obtained from Memphis, and Pat McLaughlin, Detroit free agent.

Six Straight Years of Thrills in CCNY-NYU Rivalry

When the New York University and City College basketball teams clash in the twenty-sixth game of their long series tomorrow night in Madison Square Garden, they will carry with them the memories of six straight thrillers, 70,692 spectators have seen the last six N.Y.U.-City College contests as N.Y.U. overcame a City College 10 to 9 lead in the series to take a 14 to 10 lead. City won last year bringing the series record to 14 to 11 in favor of the Violet.

So close have been these last six games that although the Violet won five of the six, their average winning margin of victory is only one point, 32 to 31. The 1934 contest decided the Eastern and Metropolitan championships, the 1938 game decided the metropolitan title, and last year City deprived the Violet of a chance to tie St. John's for the metropolitan championship.

Highlights of the last six games:

SPORTS DAILY WORKER

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1940

Youth to Petition Magnates

Sunday Worker Call to
Action Brings Quick
Response

The announcement in yesterday's Sunday Worker of a letter, wire and petition drive to push the campaign against baseball's Jim Crow to a successful finish this year has aroused an instantaneous and enthusiastic response.

Many individuals, youth clubs and Negro organizations expressed their support for the victory campaign and promised petition drives to run into the hundred thousands.

The Young Communist League, which last year gathered 50,000 signatures on petitions addressed to the magnates in a short time outside the local ball parks, will launch a drive for signatures right from the start this year on a major scale as its share of the fight to end the discrimination that keeps so many talented Negro ball players from making a living in their profession.

The campaign, started by the Daily Worker four years ago, hit a high point last year when big league managers and players joined with fans and sports writers in asking for an end to the un-American ban.

It is apparent that a vigorous push this year will win the fight.

Off the Backboard

NYU Not Underrating CCNY — Beaver Set Shots
Click vs. Scranton — St. John's Stays in There

NYU isn't underrating CCNY tomorrow night. The Violet, warned by Coach Cann's high opinion of the Beavers in Saturday night's victory over Scranton, will go through a long businesslike workout today. The powers that be have not yet decided between the Kansas City NCAA, tourney and the local Garden tourney, to which Duquesne has already been invited.

City couldn't get going against Scranton's zone defense Saturday night at the uplown gym, so Holman pulled out his speed boys and inserted his best set shots, Lozman, Edwin and Carpen. They hit the cords from outside for a total of 16 points, and that of course was the difference between defeat and victory in the 40-37 game. Looking good for next year was young Mr. Edwin, who popped four field goals nice as you please. Julie Gerson did the work underneath and scored 9 points while Al Goldstein, supposedly out for the year with a bad knee, saw plenty of action and will play against NYU tomorrow night.

Down at Washington St. John's passed its first hurdle in the road to the tourney by whipping strong George Washington 47-40. Villanova last night and St. Francis in the Garden tomorrow are the remaining obstacles. Little Tommy Beer replaced the fading Haggerty, senior on the team now, and scored eight important points through his never ending hustling. Gellen, Barnett and Garfinkle all scored 9 and White 7 in a fine exhibition of team balance. Even Ahearn broke in and popped in two from the field.

LIU, St. John's rival for the second local spot in the tourney, unless NYU goes West left a vivid impression of the caliber of Metropolitan ball on a large Saratoga Springs crowd in romping over St. Lawrence 52-32. Notable was a return to life by sopho Beenders and Simon who tallied 10 and 7 points respectively. Lobello as usual led with 12 and King was a bulwark

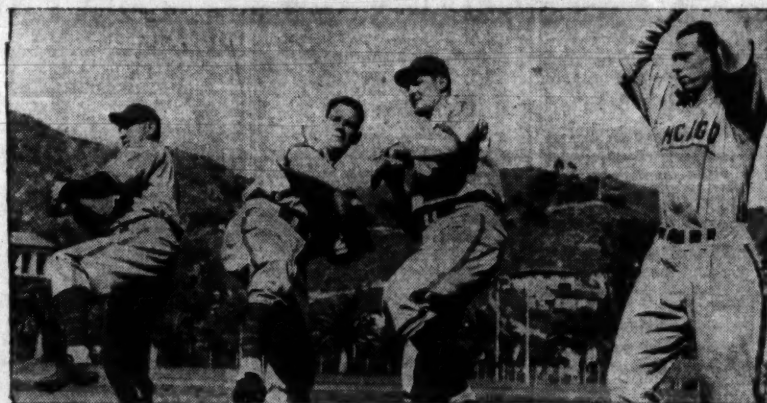
Late Saturday Night Results

Army 47, Navy 33
Brooklyn College 54, Savage 30
Brown 60, Rutgers 47
Columbia 52, Penn 38
CCNY 48, Scranton 37
Colorado 52, Denver 37
Colgate 46, Syracuse 30
Indiana 51, Purdue 45
Iowa 62, Illinois 43
Kentucky 51, Georgia 43
LIU 25, St. Lawrence 25
Minnesota 46, Chicago 35
Northwestern 47, Wisconsin 44
North Carolina 35, Duke 22
Notre Dame 36, Marquette 32
Ohio State 51, Michigan 32
Oklahoma 51, Iowa State 42
Penn State 36, Pitt 29
Rochester 71, Hamilton 30
Rider 106, Cathedral 50
St. John's 47, G. Washington 40
Tulane 45, Detroit 30
Temple 38, Wayne 37
Texas A. M. 53, Texas 33
Utah 55, Colo. State 33
Wash. State 55, Oregon 54
Yale 52, Harvard 42

CCNY-Scranton

CITY COLLEGE (40)	SCRANTON (37)
Delichman, G. F. P.	G. F. P.
Goldstein, 0 0 0	Gayevski, H. 1 2 4
Lozman, 2 4 0	Morehan, R. 1 2 4
Schmitt, R. 0 0 0	Pawling, C. 0 0 0
Carpen, 2 1 5	Falkie, 0 0 0
Gerson, 3 3 9	Serowick, I. 4 0 8
Wingard, 1 0 2	Thomas, R. 5 2 12
Monitto, 3 0 4	
Eidin, 0 0 0	
Adler, R. 1 2 4	
Totals 17 8 40	Totals 14 9 37

FOUR STAR CUB QUARTET LIMBERS UP



Charley Root, Larry French, Bill Lee and Clay Bryant limber up their muscles at the Chicago Cubs' Catalina Island training camp. Charley is crowding the 40 mark by now—or could it be 50?

N.L.'s Best Infield for Dodgers

Coscorart Gets His
Raise, Signs; Reese
Looking Better

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 3.—"This team is going to have the best infield in the National League without any doubt."

The occasion for this remark by a scribe here today was the first appearance of young Pete Coscorart in action at second base. One of the few Dodger holdouts, Pete got his raise yesterday and signed, leaving Dolph Camilli still waiting.

When Camilli does swing into action, the infield of Camilli, Coscorart, Durocher and Reese, Lavagetto should indeed be the class of the circuit. None of the four has a fielding peer at his position, except perhaps Stan Hack over Lavagetto. Nor does any infield excel this one collectively at bat.

Coscorart is already tabbed the "Gordon of the National League." That's how good the Bounding Basque is. And expected to hit only about .250 his first year up he amazed by mastering the trick of hitting outside pitches to right field and ending up at .277 with promise of better Camilli and Lavagetto are the hardest hitting men in the league at their position. Durocher is close enough. Incidentally, young Pee Wee Reese, expected to spell Leo for about 50 games, is looking better at the bat. His fielding right from the start had the magic touch of perfection. Everybody's waiting breathlessly to see him work with Coscorart around the sack.

DEAN, LEIBER OUT

AVALON, Cal., March 3 (UP).—Auggie Galan, outfielder who ended his holdout siege last night, joined the Chicago Cubs in their second drill for the entire squad today. With Galan in the fold, the only remaining holdouts are Dizzy Dean and Hank Leiber.

—by del

THE ADVENTURES OF MARMADUKE

